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THE MEAN MACHINE?

... and the minnows do it again.

AT the moment everyone is concerned with the way the Uruguayan national side are going about their business in the World Cup, but dare we ask, is it really all that different from past teams?

By David Jack in Mexico

All the bally-hoo is going on without looking at previous World Cups, there have been rough-house sides in the past and admittedly this Uruguayan side is one.

The disappointing facts are that only the fouls from the Uruguayan games are being highlighted when really they are not on their own in this respect.

They have quite rightly been taken to task by the referees and maybe they might start playing football as it should be now they have qualified for the second round.

After all they are reputed to be the South American champions but Diego Maradona was a very wary man this morning anyway!

Scotland's ex-team manager Alex Ferguson names Brazil, Denmark, Argentina and France as his top four for the 1986 World Cup.

He is certainly not on his own in sorting out that quartet.

The Danes have great talent, and a marvellous cavalier approach to the game, and unlike most teams here, actually enjoy playing football.

To a lesser agree you could say that about Brazil. They came through the first round, as did Denmark, with six points out of six.

What more can anyone ask?

There are reservations about this Brazilian squad. It is impossible not to make comparison with Brazil in 1982 in Spain when they brought gladness and joy to the heart of every football lover.

The present Brazilian team is efficient rather than brilliant, effective rather than magical.

Their progress will depend much on Zico, now that he has finally eased himself off the subs bench to become involved in the cup.

Inspired by a fit and inform Zico, nothing is beyond Brazil even though great heroes of the past like Falcao, Junior and Socrates have lost some of their authority.

Argentina are regarded here as the dark horses. They have the ability to win the Cup but there is always a question mark over their temperament, as shown in their clash with Uruguay.

Their trump card has



Some of the rough stuff so far in the Cup as Gordon Strachan(Scotland) and Diego Maradona (Argentina) hit the deck.

always been Diego Maradona and he remains and has, always been a target for opposing nations.

This stocky little man can achieve anything if he is in the right mood.

And France? They have the players to go right the way through to a Cup win but they face an enormous task in the bottom half of the draw with their first test against World champions Italy Wednesday morning.

The odds in this winner take all match slightly favour the French although there are thousands of pesos being bet on Italy to eliminate Platini and his artists.

It has been a hectic opening couple of weeks

in which, just as four years ago, the so-called third world countries have emerged as great threats.

Morocco's extraordinary feat in winning Group F, renamed the 'Group of sleep' will go down in World Cup history.

They did not do it with luck or freak results. Morocco finished on top simply because they were the best team in the Group.

Morocco as their re-

sults proved are an excellent side.

Algeria, the other North Africans, also performed well.

South Korea were also another well performed side as one of the so-called minnows.

The best thing to come out of the decision to extend the Cup finals from 16 to 24 teams is the chance given to previously unrated teams to tangle against the giants of World football and

come out with so much respect and admiration.

The top nations of Europe and South America seem to believe World Cups should be more or less the private reserve of their continents.

Now they must all think again. Morocco is only one of a fair few that have proved they are wrong. Other small countries will follow — including dare we hope, Australia?

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ALL THE NEWS FROM THE WORLD CUP FINALS

GREAT GOALS, SPIRIT AND WHAT A RESULT!

LEON: In one of the great games of the current World Cup series, Belgium twice fought back from the brink of defeat to beat the highly fancied USSR 4-3 after 120 minutes of pulsating action.

Not even a hat-trick from master Russian striker, Igor Belanov could rescue his team, one of the pre-post favourites for the Cup, from a surprise exit.

The Belgians outlasted the Russians to win in extra time after the scores had been level at 2-2 at the end of the normal period of time. It is a game which will live long in the memories of the fans.

But, whatever the result of that forthcoming match, the Belgians can be happy in the knowledge that they have surpassed their best ever performance in a World Cup.

This is their seventh appearance in the finals

and, until the win against Russia, they had never made it past the second round.

The game was full of action with Belgium having to come back from 1-0 down and 2-1 before snatching an equaliser and sending the match into extra time.

They then killed off the Soviets with two goals in extra time although Belanov's third goal in the 111th minute, a penalty, ensured the nerve-tangling suspense endured till the end.

Thunder rumbled in the late stages of the game and rain sheeted down as the white-shirted Soviet team swarmed forward for the

equaliser which would have taken the match to a penalty shoot-out.

But Belgium held out as the epic battle reached its conclusion with goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff tipping a chip from second-half substitute Vadim Yevtushenko over his crossbar.

Belanov scored the first two Soviet goals from passes by fellow-striker Alexander Zavarov in the 28th and 70th minutes but these were cancelled out by Enzo Scifo in the 56th and Jan Ceulemans, a superb midfield general and captain, in the 77th minute.

The second Belgian goal was a controversial one. It was set up by young defender Stephane de Mol, who gave a long ball up field which found several of his teammates pouring forward behind the defence.

It was Ceulemans who eventually cottoned on to the ball and buried his shot into the Soviet net. The linesman ruled offside only to be overruled by Swedish referee Erik Fredriksson, much to the consternation of the Russians.

The decision was enough to ensure extra time and it was the Belgians, who had been less than impressive in the first round when they scraped through as a lucky third-place team, who had the edge.

Belgium did not stop pressing forward even when they went 4-2 ahead in extra time, but

for the brilliance of Soviet keeper Rinat Dasayev the goal tally could have been doubled.

All the game seemed to lack was the drama of a penalty but this was put right nine minutes from time when Belanov shot home from the spot after a teammate was pushed in the area.

Belanov achieved the rare feat of scoring a hat-trick and finishing on the losing side.

The game was played in great spirit and this was typified at the final whistle when Belgian Frank Vercauteren's first thought was not to celebrate with his teammates but rather congratulate the referee on his handling of the game.

MEXICANS INSPIRED BY MAGIC GOAL

MEXICO CITY: One of the best goals of the Cup tournament, reminiscent of the feats of the magic Brazilian Pele, inspired Mexico to a resounding 2-0 win over Bulgaria in the first second round match of the finals at the Aztec Stadium.

But, while there was joy for Mexico's little midfielder Manuel Negrete, who scored with a magnificent scissors kick in the 35th minute, such was not the case in the Bulgarian dressing room.

After the game, Bulgaria's coach Ivan Vutsov, who played in the 1966 world cup England 20 years ago, said he would resign as national coach.

"We never expected to win the Cup and getting this far is about as much as we could have expected," he said.

"But the team's performances were not satisfactory and our football federation will study the reasons why in order to try to do something about it."

The win put the Mexicans into the quarter-finals for only the second time in their history. They were eliminated in that round the last time the Cup was held here in 1970.

The victory, in front of 114,000 wildly cheering fans, has set up a confrontation with either 1974 world champions West Germany or

the giant killers Morocco in Monterrey for a place in the last four.

It was Negrete's brilliant goal which highlighted this game and it was followed by a diving header from left-back Raul Servin in the 62nd minute.

The Mexicans, including their Yugoslav coach Bora Milutinovic, celebrated the result as though they had won the World Cup final.

Milutinovic raced on to the pitch with his substitutes to acknowledge the deafening roar of delight from 114,500 fans.

Mexico had regarded a place in the quarter-finals as the limit of their ambitions and that to go any further would be a bonus.

But on their form with Real Madrid striker Hugo Sanchez giving punch to the attack they are certain to give even the powerful West Germans a run for their money.

The Mexicans were always in control and seemed inspired by the presence of Sanchez. His every touch had the fans screaming for goals.

Mexico's opening goal came when Negrete, with the fragile build of a ballet dancer, set up a one-two with Carlos Munoz.

Munoz's return came back too high and too far back.

But with a mid-air pivot reminiscent of the great Pele, Negrete twisted to fire a glorious shot into the far corner of the net.



JEAN MARIE-PFAFF



Raul Servin scores Mexico's second goal against Bulgaria.

THE WORLD CUP IN FULL DETAIL

GROUP A

ITALY 1 (Altobelli) BULGARIA 1 (Sirakov).
ARGENTINA 3 (Valdano 2, Ruggeri) STH KOREA 1 (Chang-Sun).
ITALY 1 (Altobelli pen.) ARGENTINA 1 (Maradona).
STH KOREA 1 (Jong-Boo) BULGARIA 1 (Getov).
ITALY 3 (Altobelli 3) STH KOREA 2 (Choi Soon-Ho, Hug Jung-Moo).
ARGENTINA 2 (Valdano, Burrachaga) BULGARIA 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Bulgaria	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Italy	3	1	2	0	5	4	4
Sth Korea	3	0	1	2	4	7	1

GROUP B

MEXICO 2 (Quirarte, Sanchez) BELGIUM 1 (Vandenbergh).
PARAGUAY 1 (Romero) IRAQ 0.
MEXICO 1 (Flores) PARAGUAY 1 (Romero).
BELGIUM 2 (Scifo, Claesen pen) IRAQ 1 (Rahdi).
MEXICO 1 (Quirarte) IRAQ 0.
BELGIUM 2 (Vercauteren, Veyt) PARAGUAY 2 (Cabanias 2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mexico	3	2	1	0	4	2	5
Paraguay	3	1	2	0	4	3	4
Belgium	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Iraq	3	0	0	3	1	4	0

GROUP C

FRANCE 1 (Papin) CANADA 0.
USSR 6 (Yakovenko, Aleinikov, Belanov, Yaremchuk, Dajka own goal, Rodionov) HUNGARY 0.
FRANCE 1 (Fernandez) USSR 1 (Rats).
HUNGARY 2 (Esterhazy, Detari) CANADA 0.
FRANCE 3 (Stopyra, Tigana, Rocheteau) HUNGARY 0.
USSR 2 (Blokhin, Zavarov) CANADA 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	3	2	1	0	9	1	5
France	3	2	1	0	5	1	5
Hungary	3	1	0	2	2	9	2
Canada	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

GROUP D

BRAZIL 1 (Socrates) SPAIN 0.
ALGERIA 1 (Zidane) NTH IRELAND 1 (Whiteside).
BRAZIL 1 (Careca) v ALGERIA 0.
SPAIN 2 (Butrageno, Salinas) NTH IRELAND 1 (Clarke).
BRAZIL 3 (Careca 2, Josimar) NTH IRELAND 0.
SPAIN 3 (Caldere 2, Olaya) ALGERIA 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	5	0	6
Spain	3	2	0	1	5	2	4
Nth Ireland	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
Algeria	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

GROUP E

URUGUAY 1 (Alzamendi) WEST GERMANY 1 (Allofs).
DENMARK 1 (Elkjaer) SCOTLAND 0.
WEST GERMANY 2 (Voeller, Allofs) SCOTLAND 1 (Strachan).
DENMARK 6 (Elkjaer 3, Laudrup, Jesper Olsen, Lerby) URUGUAY 1 (Franciscoli).
SCOTLAND 0 URUGUAY 0.
DENMARK (Jesper Olsen, Erikson) WEST GERMANY 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
W Germany	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Uruguay	3	0	2	1	2	7	2
Scotland	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

GROUP F

MOROCCO 0 POLAND 0.
PORTUGAL 1 (Manuel) ENGLAND 0.
ENGLAND 0 MOROCCO 0.
POLAND 1 (Smolarek) PORTUGAL 0.
ENGLAND 3 (Lineker 3) POLAND 0.
MOROCCO 3 (Khairi 2, Krimau) PORTUGAL 1 (Diamantino).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morocco	3	1	2	0	3	1	4
England	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Poland	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Portugal	3	1	0	2	2	4	2



Leading goal scorers after the first of the second-round World Cup matches:

4: Preben Elkjaer (Denmark), Sandro Altobelli (Italy), Igor Belanov (Soviet Union).

3: Jorge Valdano (Argentina), Gary Lineker (England), Careca (Brazil).

2: Julio Romero (Paraguay), Ivan Yaremchuk (Soviet Union), Klaus Allofs (West Germany), Fernando Quirarte (Mexico), Roberto Cabanas (Paraguay), Abderrazak Khairi (Morocco), Ramon Caldere (Spain), Jesper Olsen (Denmark), Enzo Scifo (Belgium), Nico Claesen (Belgium).



Fernando Quirarte, scorer of two goals for Mexico.

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CALDERE HERO FOR SPAIN

MONTERREY: Spain, the controversy surrounding their loss to Brazil recently all but forgotten, qualified for the second stage of the tournament with an easy 3-0 win over Algeria.

The Spaniards were inspired by a two goal performance from Roman Caldere as they superbly accounted for Algeria in the Group D match at the Tecnológico Stadium.

Caldere scored in the 15th and 69th minutes and Olaya after 71 minutes as Spain swept to victory in a match littered with crude fouls and scrappy play.

The win ensured Spain of second place in Group D behind Brazil and they will play either West Germany or Denmark in the round of the last 16.

However, despite their win, their evidence is that Spain will be lucky to make any further advances in the Cup.

Certainly, they will need to improve if they are to go further.

Algeria, looking strangely ill at ease in the heat, lost goalkeeper Nacerdine Drid in the 19th minute when it was one goal behind and from then on never looked to have the stomach for a fightback.

Drid was taken off on a stretcher with head, neck and shoulder injuries and taken to hospital.

Drid's injury occurred in the 11th minute when he was heavily challenged by Andoni Goikoetxea following a corner.

The Spanish defender, dubbed the 'The Butcher of Bilbao', was fortunate to escape any punishment, but was later cautioned for un-

gentlemanly conduct in the final minute.

Drid bravely continued until the 19th minute but by then Caldere had accepted a chance provided by Julio Salinas to put Spain in front.

Caldere scored again after 69 minutes following a defence piercing pass by Francisco Lopez.

Lopez's ball sent Olaya free of the offside trap to draw the goalkeeper and give Caldere a simple, close-range goal.

After long periods of dreary and scrappy play, Spain was brought back to life and it scored again two minutes later when the Algerian defence was again caught flat-footed.

Substitute Olaya, who had come on in the 46th minute for the injured Emilio Butrageno, was able to shoot home from close in.

SPAIN: Andoni Zubizarreta, Tomas Renones, Jose Antonio Camecho, Victor Munoz, Andoni Goikoetxea, Emilio Butrageno (Eloy Olaya 46th min), Ricardo Gallego, Francisco Lopez, Ramon Caldere, Julio Salinas, Michel (Juan Antonio Senor 65th).

ALGERIA: Nacerdine Drid (El Hadj Larbi 19th), Fodil Megharra, Fawzi Mansouri, Nouredine Korichi, Mahmoud Guendouz, Mohamed Kaci Seld, Rabah Madjer, Karim Maroc, Rachid Har-kouk, Lakhdar Belloumi, Djamel Zidane (Djamel Menad 59th).

REFEREE: Shizuo Takada (Japan).



IT'S THERE! Gary Lineker has his first goal against Poland.

AFRICANS MAKE CUP SECOND ROUND

GUADALAJARA: Who would have imagined Morocco as a preliminary group winner in the the World Cup finals but the African country made it when it overwhelmed Portugal 3-1 with a superb display of Brazilian-style Soccer.

The Moroccans arrived in Mexico as bottom seeds in Group F which contained three powerful European nations, but emerged with four points and no defeats to head the section with England second,

Poland third and Portugal fourth.

Morocco built-up a 3-0 lead midway through the second half after two goals by Abderrazak Khairi and one from Krimau Merry and then held off a late Portuguese rally which culminated in a 79th minute goal from substitute Diamantino Miranda.

Morocco did not proceed beyond the first-round in its one and only previous World Cup finals appearance in 1970.

The handful of Moroccan fans in the estimated 20,000 crowd gave them a rousing reception as the team did a lap of honour with a Moroccan flag.

Portugal seldom shifted out of bottom gear despite fine displays by midfielder Antonio Sousa and left-wing Paulo Future.

Brazilian born manager Jose Fairia's plan to play Mohamed Timoumi just behind the

dual strikers proved brilliant as they repeatedly split open the Portuguese defence, particularly in the first half.

Khairi scored the first after 19 minutes from the edge of the area.

The second goal was a supreme example of the Moroccan skills which made the game such a joy to watch for the Guadalajara crowd who have been served up a disappointing diet from Group D.

Krimau Merry received the ball wide on the right, held it and then passed to overlapping full back Khalifa Labd.

Labd hit it first time to the far side of the penalty area where Khairi, at full speed, slammed a left-foot volley past Portugal's goalkeeper Vitor Damas.

Only Sousa was troubling the Moroccan defence but he found goalkeeper Baddou Zaki in fine form, having two fine shots well saved.

Portugal were upset at not being awarded a penalty in the 58th minute when Sousa was chopped down in the area but inconsistent Northern Ireland referee Alan Snoddy was not interested and captain Fernando Gomes was booked for arguing.

Minutes later Morocco went three up.

Timoumi, the most imaginative player on the field, chipped left-footed past four Portuguese defenders to leave Merry free and the tall striker slotted easily past Damas.

PORTUGAL: Vitor Damas, Alvaro Magalhaes (Rui Aguas 55th min), Frederico Rosa, Antonio Oliveira, Augusto Inacio, Jaime Magalhaes, Carlos Manuel, Jaime Pacheco, Antonio Soas (Diamantino Miranda 69th min), Fernando Gomes, Paulo Future.

MOROCCO: Baddou Zaki, Khalifa Labd, Abdelmajid Lemris, Mustapha Biaz, Nouredine Bouyahyaoui, Abdelmajid Dolmy, Mustapha Haddaoui (Abdelaziz Soueiman 72nd min), Abdelaziz Bouderbala, Krimau Merry, Mohamed Timoumi, Abderrazak Khairi.

REFEREE: Alan Snoddy (Northern Ireland).

LIONS ROAR AT LAST!

MONTERREY: A Gary Lineker hat-trick in the first half sparked a return to form for the Everton striker as England clinched a second round place with a 3-0 win over Poland.

Lineker, the striker who scored 30 goals for Everton in the English league last season, struck in the eighth, 15th and 36th minutes.

A revitalised and much changed England, playing a 4-4-2 formation, overwhelmed the previously unbeaten East Europeans in the opening period of their final Group F match at the University Stadium here.

The victory ensured England second place in the group and an appearance in the second round knock-out phase where it will meet Paraguay at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City next Wednesday (Thursday morning AEST).

Lineker's first goal came after a move involving five players in midfield freed Gary Stevens to overlap on the right.

He ran on to the edge of the penalty area and Lineker swept home his low cross from six metres.

The second resulted from another well constructed England attack, this time on the left.

Beardsley supplied a penetrating pass from which Hodge sent over a delightful curving cross towards the far post.

Lineker beat the Polish defence and half-volleyed the ball high into the net.

His hat-trick goal was rather more fortunate and owed much to the laxity of the Polish rearguard when they failed to cut out an in-swinging corner from the left by Trevor Steven.

Goalkeeper Jozef Mlynarczyk allowed the ball to escape his clutching fingers and Lineker had a simple opportunity from close-range.

In between these efforts, England was denied another goal when Steve Hodge was judged to have been offside before driving a firm shot past the unfortunate Mlynarczyk.

Without a winger, England used the base provided by Peter Reid and Steve Hodge — replacing Bryan Robson and the suspended Ray Wilkins in midfield — to allow Glenn Hoddle free rein to create a string of attacks.

Poland made two substitutions in an effort to regain the initiative but were never able to wrest control from England who defended well after the interval and allowed them few opportunities.

Skipper Zbigniew Boniek went closest for the Poles in the 51st minute when he was sent through the England defence by Jan Urban, but his shot rebounded from Shilton's right-hand post and flew to safety.

It was a triumphant return to form for England after they had been heavily criticised last week and for Lineker a stunning personal triumph.

His hat-trick was the first by an England player in the World Cup finals since Geoff Hurst performed the feat in the 1966 final against West Germany, which England won 4-2.

POLAND: Jozef Mlynarczyk, Marek Ostrowski, Roman Wojcik, Waldemar Matysik (Andrzej Buncol 46th) Jan Urban, Stefan Majewski, Wlodzimierz Smolarek, Ryszard Komornicki (Jan Karas 23rd min), Krzysztof Powlek, Zbigniew Boniek, Dariusz Dziekanowski.

ENGLAND: Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens (Everton), Terry Fenwick, Terry Butcher, Kenny Sansom, Trevor Steven, Glenn Hoddle, Peter Reid, Steve Hodge, Peter Beardsley (Chris Waddle 75th), Gary Lineker (Kerry Dixon 85th).

REFEREE: Andre Dalna (Switzerland).



GARY LINEKER milks the applause and adulation of the English fans after his sensational hat-trick.



LINEKER is mobbed by Glenn Hoddle, Peter Beardsley and Steve Hodge after his first.

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RUSSIAN RESERVES CANE CANADIANS

IRAPUATO: The Soviet Union reserve team was good enough to take the Russians into the second round of the World Cup after beating Canada 2-0.

The USSR also became the first side to win a preliminary group.

The Soviet team won with second-half goals from veteran striker Oleg Blokhin in the 58th minute and Alexander Zavarov, who replaced Blokhin, in the 75th.

With his team virtually certain of qualifying for the second round, Soviet trainer Valery Lobanovsky decided to rest nine members of his first-choice team.

His second string showed little of the flair and power of the seniors and it was only when he sent on two of his regulars as second-half substitutes that the Soviet Union was able to convert its match dominance into goals.

Igor Belanov, after less than a minute on the field, set up the first, pushing a through ball deep into the penalty area for Blokhin to score from close range.

Blokhin was injured during the attack and was on the ground in pain in the goal for sometime clutching a leg before being taken off and substituted by Zavarov.

The second Soviet goal also came from a through ball into the box.

This time it was Zavarov who was on hand to push the ball past advancing goalkeeper Tino Lettieri.

The Canadians, who failed to score and suffered three defeats in their first appearance in a World Cup finals, nevertheless emerged with credit.

They held the Soviet team well in the first half and even created a number of good scoring

chances.

They were not the pushovers of Group C that many had expected and proved tricky opponents in all three games.

Lobanovsky's decision to rest his first team was something of a gamble because if the Canadians had managed to hold on for a draw the Soviet Union would have finished only second in the group.

That would have meant an awkward second-round match in Mexico City with Italy, the runners up from Group A and the defending world champion.

As group winner the Soviet will now play in Leon against one of the third-place qualifiers.

SOVIET UNION: Viktor Chanov, Gennady Morozov, Alexander Bubnov, Oleg Kuznetsov, Andrei Bal, Gennady Litovchenko, Vadim Yevtushenko, Sergei Aleinikov, Sergei Rodionov, Oleg Protasov (Igor Belanov 58th min), Oleg Blokhin (Alexander Zavarov 62nd).

CANADA: Tino Lettieri, Robert Lenarduzzi, Randy Samuel, Ian Bridge, Bruce Wilson, Randy Ragan, Gerry Gray (George Pakos 71st), Paul James (Branko Segota 65th min), David Norman, Carl Valentine, Dale Mitchell.

REFEREE: Idrissa Traore (Mali).

the 50th minute when a misunderstanding between goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff and Michel Renquin allowed Cabanas to nip in and rifle the ball home from close range.

It was a tragedy for Renquin who at the end of the first half had hooked the ball off his own goal-line after Julio Romero had lobbed over Pfaff's head.

Temper flared as the game flowed and in 54th minute referee Dotschev booked Jan Ceulemans and Romero following a disagreement between opposing players after Cabanas had been floored.

The Belgians, still driving forward, restored their lead five minutes later.

Stephane de Mol, who was having a fine game in midfield, fed Daniel Veyt and as he moved into the penalty area, Veyt drove the ball firmly into the left-hand corner of the net.

The goal served only to spur the Paraguayans to greater effort and after Jorge Nunez hit the post, Cabanas made it 2-2.

He latched on to a cross from Adolfo Canete and rifled home from close range as the Belgian defence appealed in vain for offside.

BELGIUM: Jean-Marie Pfaff, Georges Grun, Hugo Broos, Michel Renquin, Patrick Vervoort, Enzo Scifo, Stephane de Mol, Jan Ceulemans, Frank Vercauteren, Daniel Veyt, Nico Claessen.

PARAGUAY: Roberto Fernandez, Juan Torres, Cesar Zabala, Rogelio Delgado, Jorge Guasch, Jorge Nunez, Buenaventura Ferreira, Julio Romero, Roberto Cabanas, Adolfo Canete, Alfredo Mendoza (Ramon Hicks 67th min).

REFEREE: Bogdan Dotschev (Bulgaria).

MEXICANS WIN THROUGH BUT MISS HUGO SANCHEZ

MEXICO CITY: The finishing power of suspended striker Hugo Sanchez was badly missed by Mexico in its 1-0 win over Iraq in the final Group B match here.

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The win was enough, though, to satisfy 108,000 frantic fans in the giant Aztec Stadium and put host team Mexico through, as section winners, to a last-16 tie in the same stadium.

After reported infighting among the Mexican team over who should replace Sanchez, or whether he was necessary to the team at all, the hosts seemed determined to show that they were not just a one-man band.

They played with dash and commitment but lacked Sanchez's sharpness in the box, squandering numerous chances.

The only goal, which sent the stadium into uproar, came in the 54th minute from 29-year-old defender Fernando Quirarte, his second of the finals.

Little midfielder Manuel Negrete chipped a free kick over the Iraqi defence and the ball appeared to be going for a goal kick.

But Quirarte, a left back, appeared in the least likely of places, next to the Iraqi byline on the right side, controlled the ball and squeezed a right-foot shot into the net from the acute angles.

With Carlos de los Cobos in midfield, playing his first-ever World Cup match, the Mexicans dominated throughout. But they missed the killer instinct

of Sanchez, top scorer in the Spanish league playing for Real Madrid for the past two seasons.

Mexico's Yugoslav coach Bora Milutinovic had replaced Sanchez, who was suspended after receiving cautions in Mexico's first two games, with midfielder player, Miguel Espana.

In the early stages, Luis Flores, who partnered Sanchez up front in the opening matches, relished the extra space.

He constantly troubled the Iraqi defence in the opening 20 minutes and was unlucky not to score when he rattled the ball against the underside of the crossbar in the 19th minute.

Although the hosts had the run of play, the Iraqis toiled tirelessly but rarely seriously troubled Mexico's half-Japanese goalkeeper Pablo Larros.

Milutinovic delighted the crowd by bringing on popular 20-year-old striker Francisco Cruz, rather than a defender, in the 78th minute.

MEXICO: Pablo Larros, Rafael Amador (Alejandro Dominguez 62nd min), Fernando Quirarte, Felix Cruz, Raul Servin, Carlos de los Cobos (Francisco Cruz 78th min), Miguel Espana, Manuel Negrete, Javier Aguirre, Tomas Boy, Luis Flores.

IRAQ: Abdul-Fattah Nuseif, Maad Ibrahim, Khalil Allawi, Nadhum Shaker, Ali Hussein, Ahmed Radhi, Kareem Saddam, Nateq Hashem (Rahim Hameed 60th), Inad Abed (Shaker Mahmoud 69th), Basem Gassam, Ghanem Uraibi.

REFEREE: Zoran Petrovic (Yugoslavia).



FERNANDO QUIRARTE flies through the air to head in his second goal of the World Cup tournament against Iraq. His goal won Mexico Group B and set them up for a 2-0 win in the second round against Bulgaria.



ITALY—FRANCE, A HUMDINGER!

THE battle tomorrow morning between two of Europe's top footballing nations, Italy and France is in prospect and on paper a real stormer.

Whether or not it turns out to be one can only wait and see. Enzo Bearzot the Italian manager is certain to set Salvatore Bagni or another of his 'markers' onto the brilliant Italian-based Frenchman, Michel Platini.

As yet Platini is still to produce his best form consistently in the Cup finals and the Italians are wary of the fact that he may decide to find his best form in the second round match against the country that provides him with his bread and butter.

Alongside him will be the skills of Alain Giresse and Jean Tigana.

Both sides have their worries and both in the one exact same position — the goalkeepers.

Italy's Giovanni Galli has been sadly found wanting on too many occasions already and he is showing himself to be ill-equipped as Dino Zoff's replace-

ment. Oh how Bearzot must be rueing the fact that he left Italy's best keeper Stefano Tacconi at home.

Galli's challenger is AS Roma's Franco Tancredi. He might be the answer to Italy's problem, a great shot stopper, something Galli hasn't been able to do but like France's Joel Bats, hopeless with the crossed ball.

Bats is one of those keepers who hates crosses as much as Dracula. He flails the arms around aimlessly and Italy could do well to employ the services of Juventus centre-forward, Aldo Serena, dynamite in the air.

Bruno Conti could well hold the key along with his inevitable successor, Gianluca Vialli.

As for the absence of Paolo Rossi, well Plabito says it all himself, "If the team is winning, then I'm happy."



HUGO SANCHEZ—misses

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ALTOBELLI GETS HAT-TRICK BUT WHERE IS ROSSI?

PUEBLA: LETHAL finishing by ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI earned Italy a 3-2 win over South Korea to take the defending champions into the second round of the World Cup finals.

The Italian supporters were exultant of course over Altobelli's exploits but were left querying the decision of manager Enzo Bearzot to again overlook two of Italy's most potent strikers, notably Paolo Rossi and Aldo Serena.

But for now Altobelli is providing all the strikepower as his partner, young Giuseppe Galderisi struggles to come to terms with the international stage.

The Internazionale Milan centre-forward's hat-trick sent him to the top of the World Cup scorers' chart with five goals from three games.

His deadly finishing was the critical difference in an even but often bad-tempered Group A game which saw three players from each side cautioned.

Altobelli gave Italy the lead after 18 minutes, cheekily dummying goalkeeper Oh-Yuk-Kyo and poking the ball home following a cross by Antonio di Gennaro.

He should have in fact scored his second 10 minutes before the interval when he was tumbled over in the area and American referee David Socha whistled for a penalty against Huh Jung-Moo.

Altobelli sidled up to the spot with exagger-

ated nonchalance and side-footed the ball against the base of the right-hand post.

Despite sustained Italian pressure and a series of rapid but unproductive counter-attacks by their opponents, the score remained unchanged until the 62nd minute.

Then, with the Italians coasting (as in their previous two matches), dangerous South Korean centre-forward Choi Soon-Ho scored a stunning equaliser out of the blue.

Collecting the ball in midfield, he thumped a right-foot shot from 25 metres past the astonished Giovanni Galli in the Italian goal.

The Mexican majority in the 16,000 crowd was giving the South Korean underdogs noisy support.

But the equalising goal galvanised Italy into stepping up their game and Altobelli scored Italy's second and his fourth of the tournament with 18 minutes left.

Again it was from close range.

A free-kick on the edge of the box dribbled into his path and he flicked it past goalkeeper Oh Yun-Kyo.

But Altobelli's sweetest strike was his last when, with eight

minutes left, he combined neatly with Fernando de Napoli to slice open the South Korean defence and force the ball home at the far post.

Altobelli's hat-trick was confirmed by match officials who over-ruled claims that Chung Jong-Soo had conceded an own goal.

Italy still had to see out some tense final moments after the Koreans, refusing to believe their cause was lost, pulled back a goal in the 89th minute.

Choi, beating his marker to a cross, nodded down to Huh Jung-Moo who drove home from close in.

Italy: Alessandro Altobelli (18th, 72nd and 82nd mins).

South Korea: Choi Soon-ho (62nd min), Huh Jung-moo (89th min).

ITALY: Giovanni Galli, Antonio Cabrini, Fulvio Collovati, Gaetano Scirea, Pietro Vierchowod, Salvatore Bagni, (Giuseppe Baresi 67th min), Fernando de Napoli, Antonio di Gennaro, Bruno Conti, Alessandro Altobelli, Giuseppe Galderisi (Gianluca Vialli 88th min).

SOUTH KOREA: Oh Yun-kyo, Park Kyung-hoon, Jung Yong-hwan, Cho Young-Jeung, Cho Kwang-rae, Park Chang-sun, Byun Byung-Joo, (Kim Jong-bo 70th min), Choi Soon-ho, Cha Bum-keun, Kim Joo-sung (Chung Jong-soo 46th min), Huh Jung-moo.



ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI, three-goal hero for Italy. He was later stripped of the third by FIFA.

ARGENTINA BOWL BULGARIA TO FINISH IN TOP SPOT

MEXICO CITY: THE double act of Jorge and Jorge — Valdano and Burruchaga — used its combined heads to sweep the 1978 champion to a 2-0 victory over Bulgaria.

The win means Argentina finished top of Group A, setting them up for a knock-out tie in Puebla against a team as yet unknown.

The tournament is almost certainly at an end for Bulgaria unless there are some huge scores in the remaining games.

Big Real Madrid striker Valdano began the scoring in the third minute when he rose high to head past Borislav Mikhailov after Claudio Borghi had dispossessed a Bulgarian defender on the right wing.

The goal, Valdano's third in the finals so far, seemed to knock the confidence out of the Eastern European side who rarely showed any real determination to cut back the deficit and cling to a place in the tournament.

After a boring next hour of football, in which only a few solo dribbles by Argentina's chunky genius Diego Maradona brought the 63,000 crowd to their feet, the South American side switched up a gear and pressed forward seeking more goals.

They put the issue beyond doubt in the 77th minute when Maradona broke on the left, glanced up to see who was supporting him, and sent a delicious floating cross into the area.

It was met by the in-rushing Burruchaga who sent a classic header past the helpless Bulgarian keeper.



DIEGO MARADONA leaps over the challenge of Bulgarian Alexander Markov and heads for goal. Maradona is Argentina's inspiration, their heart and soul.

FRANCE MOVE ON TO SECOND STAGE

LEON: France showed why it had won the title of European champion when it practically eliminated Hungary from the World Cup with a 3-0 scoreline in its last match in Group C.

The win took France into the second round of the finals.

Yannick Stopyra, Jena Tigana and second half substitute Dominique Rocheteau grabbed the goals which brought France victory and five points in the group.

France did not need to be at its best against an uninspired Hungary which had been thrashed 6-0 by the Soviet Union a week ago and which still lacked spirit.

Stopyra gave France the lead in the 30th minute when he rose high in the penalty box to head home a floated cross from William Ayache, following a good overlapping run on the right.

The European champion had to wait until the 63rd minute for its second goal which marked Tigana's first score in 43 matches for France.

Rocheteau, who had come on as substitute for Jean-Pierre Papin a little

over a minute earlier, combined in a one-two with Tigana on the left, inside the Hungarian half.

Tigana moved quickly into the box and cracked home a left-foot shot at the near post for a stylish goal.

Rocheteau, booked in the 69th minute for a foul on defender Jozsef Kardos, got his name on the score sheet in the 85th minute.

French captain Michel Platini fastened on to a long ball upfield from Manuel Amoros and pushed a pass into the path of Rocheteau.

He dashed in from the right and beat bearded goalkeeper Peter Diszti with his shot.

France had to weather a sustained period of pressure immediately after the interval and Hungary were thwarted only by the crossbar in the 48th minute.

Lajos Detari, at the

heart of many of the positive Hungarian moves, began the charge when he had a shot blocked.

The ball broke loose to Laszlo Dajka who rammed a shot against the underside of the bar and watched it bounce perilously close to the line.

Hungarian players appealed for a goal but Portuguese referee Valente Silva turned them down.

Four minutes from the end Hungary squandered the chance of a consolation score when Detari screwed the ball back from the goal-line on the right only for Marton Esterhazy to miss his close-range shot.

France had two players booked.

FRANCE: Joel Bats, William Ayache, Patrick Battiston, Maxime Bossis, Manuel Amoros, Luis Fernandez, Jean Tigana, Alain Giresse, Michel Platini, Yannick Stopyra (Jean Marc Ferrari 72nd min), Jean-Pierre Papin (Dominique Rocheteau 62nd).

HUNGARY: Peter Diszti, Sandor Szalai, Jozsef Kardos, Antal Roth, Jozsef Varga, Imre Garaba, Laszlo Dajka, Lajos Detari, Peter Hannick (Antal Nagy 46th), Kalman Kovacs, (Gyorgy Bogner 66th), Marton Esterhazy.

REFEREE: Valente Silva (Portugal).

Diego Maradona, Jorge Valdano.

BULGARIA: Borislav Mikhailov, Nasko Sirakov (Radoslav Zdravkov 70th min), Alexander Markov, Georgi Dimitrov, Andrey Velashev, Anyo Sadkov, Stoycho Mladenov (Boycho Velitchkov 52nd min), Georgi Yordanov, Plamen Markov, Petar Petrov, Plamen Getov.

Final Group A standings
Argentina 3 2 1 0 6 2 5
Italy 3 1 2 0 5 4 4
Bulgaria 3 0 2 1 2 4 2
South Korea 3 0 1 2 4 7 1

THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



PRE-TOURNAMENT announcements by FIFA promising a hard-line approach by referees controlling games have quickly been forgotten.

Professional fouls and crude tackles have continually gone unpunished when a sending off is warranted.

The tackle by a Uruguayan player which resulted in a Danish player being stretchered off was only deserving of a yellow card according to the referee while poor Ray Wilkins received his marching orders for pulling a shirt and throwing the ball.

There is definitely something wrong with the laws of the game when a player is sent off for such offences while a player trying to maim an opponent is allowed to remain on the field.

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While teams such as Denmark, France, West Germany and Russia



have continually entertained with top quality games the flop of the first round, until their amazing 3-0 win against Poland, would have been England.

Going into the finals England boasted one of the best records from warm-up games but, until the Poland match they had failed to show any form at all against opponents who were supposed to be easy pickings for a nation of England's calibre.

By adopting a changed style to that previously used by England, in an attempt to beat the climatic conditions encountered in

Mexico, this present team had struggled to work as a unit.

But, all that changed against Poland. They were men inspired and the inclusion of Peter Reid obviously made a huge difference as did the change of tactics which used two players up front and no wingers.

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How all the coaches involved in the Cup must wish they had strikers of the calibre of Elkjaer and Laudrup at their disposal. In these two Denmark have the most outstanding front-line combination in the finals. Given half a chance they are able to punish any defence with their deadly finishing.

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Scotland's performances have been of great interest. Their games against Denmark and West Germany were excellent games with Scotland contributing greatly to the entertainment.

One question to be asked of the Scottish coach is why was Frank McAvennie and Davey Cooper left out of the starting line-ups? During the qualifying rounds this pair played major roles in getting Scotland to the finals only to be overlooked

when the big games arrived.

Against West Germany the Scots looked incapable of penetrating the well-drilled defence of the Germans until this duo were thrown into the game.

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FRANK McAVENNIE—left out.

With the NSL nearing the half way mark the competition is proving to be the closest for many years. Every team has to date been very competitive and results from week to week have been difficult to predict.

Teams marked down for the drop before the season started have proved their critics wrong.

Wollongong, one such team, has proved to be the surprise packet so far by leading the competition for many weeks. Melita experienced a similar start a few seasons back only to find the second half of the season a difficult period to maintain their momentum.

Hopefully the same fate won't befall the Wolves. Next year's competition needs teams outside Sydney and Melbourne so that it does not lose its identity as a national league.

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It was interesting to see some scribes have already written off Sydney City in this year's competition after their worst start for many years. I'm willing to bet they will still be thereabouts at seasons end.

Marconi continue to run hot and cold confounding many experts who rated them title contenders. I wonder what Les Scheinflug would give for a defender in the Albert Ratcliffe mould? Once the new signings from overseas settle we may yet see Marconi push towards the top of the table.

Defensive errors have cost St George valuable points lately but with the return of Dave Ratcliffe things should tighten up at the back and the Saints will be back in the race for honours.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK



ARNOLD IS HEADING FOR SOCCEROO STARDOM

WITH Croatia poised very nicely near the top of the Olympic Airways Soccer League, but yet to display their exciting soccer of last year, one man is getting rave reviews. Graham Arnold, at 22, has been in Socceroo squads but only really as a fringe player.

He has usually knocked a goal in when called into the team by Frank Arok, but had never really done enough to warrant a regular spot.

This season, though, and particularly of late, Graham has been one of the main reasons for Croatia's position on the League table.

Against Marconi a couple of weeks ago in a game that Marconi dominated he stood head and shoulders above his colleagues getting through an enormous amount of work and capping it off with two brilliantly headed goals.

Against Olympic a few weeks ago he returned to the field with stitches in a head wound to revitalise this side enabling them to get a point.

This week he was on hand to score his sides vital opening goal at Blacktown, which put them on the road to victory.

Until this season he was been known only as a central striker, but now after a few outings in midfield, has created a new dimension to his game.

His assets are obviously his work rate,



NSW State coach Alan Vest looks at the rise of Graham Arnold

his heading ability and ability to get forward and strike a good ball.

He's certainly setting his sights on that spot in the Socceroo, but the question now is what would be his best role?

After seeing him play both as a striker and midfielder, I believe he is best suited to a similar role to the one he's play-

ing at Croatia at the moment, where he plays a bit behind this main front men.

One thing is for sure though, he is the man in form at the moment and the future looks very good indeed for Graham Arnold.

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IT is being called the greatest show on earth, and the interest and talking points in Australia about the world cup games show just what prestige and interest it does create.

It would have been marvellous to have seen the Socceroo in Mexico and interest in the game was bound to have increased.

The interest created when Frank Arok's men performed so well against Scotland shows that competition against world class teams and in world class competitions is vital to create interest in the game.

John Warren's comments on our getting a reasonable deal from FIFA on future world cup groupings are spot on if the game is going to go ahead as it should. But even if we can't get the deals we deserve, involvement in the world cup is essential.

Second best is qualifying for the Olympics, and this is where every help has to be given to the national coach and the team in the build up toward that competition.

Disappointment at not getting to Mexico will soon be forgotten if we get to the Olympics, and that in turn would be a great stepping stone to the next world cup finals.

THE INTRIGUE OF IT ALL

IT has been intriguing watching the World Cup on television seeking for new trends in the world game.

To date there does not appear to be any sort of major change or breakthrough in team styles or formations.

On the other hand the technical skill of some of the players has been absolutely brilliant.

With teams unable to pressurise in defence, because of the diminished oxygen, skilful players are usually granted more space than they would experience in a European venue.

On the other hand, to counter the problems of not being able to pressurise, many teams after losing possession up front are backing off so that players in their own half can exert pressure close to their own goal.

This is very foreign to the English and Scottish style of game, but they both seemed to adapt quite well, even though losing their opening matches.

What happens around the penalty areas in Soccer games still remains crucial, as it always has done.

A bad piece of defending by right back Stevens of England and poor finishing by Lineker brought England undone in a game in which they dominated against Portugal.

Denmark were very impressive against Scotland, playing with composure in the rarified atmosphere, then breaking into lightning fast attacks.

To be able to leave Molby, the great Liverpool player, on the bench tells of the strength of this nation.

Germany was also impressive in its initial win with its sweeper, Klaus Agenthaler a player who can stand comparison with his coach Frank Beckenbauer.

Germany has been prepared to throw many players forward at set plays, whereas some other teams have been very careful.

Many goals in all games have come from set plays.

The standard of heading has been very good. On the other hand, the quality of some of the goalkeepers in the air has not been good.

This is something that I have noticed in previous world cups and I am surprised it is still the case.

The skills of outfield players are improving year by year.

The passing, dribbling, especially receiving of the ball are all outstanding and far superior to when I played in the English 1st division in the 1960s.

I watched Stanley Matthews, the great English player, as a boy and subsequently played against him, albeit when he was 44 years old, and do not believe he could dribble a ball as well as Maradona.

Obviously Maradona will not be playing first division Soccer when he is 44, as Matthews did.

But that is because the man-to-man marking which Maradona endures week in week out was not experienced by Matthews.

It was seldom a tactic imposed in those days.

The improvement in defence, indeed the

emphasis on sound defence, is what is forcing modern players to become more skilful.

The days of 6-5 results cannot come back again unless administrators force teams to defend with three players and attack with five, as was often the case.

However, Soccer has always been about winning games.

If a better quality of defence is achieved by pushing out from the back or dropping off from the front it is up to coaches and players to overcome this with better skills and tactics.

And this is what is constantly being sought within the game.

But just as no one could today score 300 runs off his own bat in cricket as Don Bradman once did, neither will teams be able to win 16-0 as England once did in Australia.

Some people will say that both games are the worse for that.

I do not believe so. A fast hundred by Viv Richards while people are trying to contain him, or 44 goals in a season by Lineker of Everton in an age when goals are had to come by represent just as great a value.

To watch some of the great skills of the wonderful players in all of the teams in Mexico is a joy to me.

It makes one want to play one's own part here in Australia to see our players approaching that level.

What a great game this is if played with manliness, sportmanship and skill.



GRAHAM ARNOLD pictured in typical high-flying action.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP

JUVENTUS GETS CLOSER TO RUNAWAY LEADER

IN a lacklustre game Brunswick Juventus overcame Brisbane Lions by the slenderest of margins but the win helped Juve to bridge the gap on leaders Footscray to one point after Heidelberg defeated Just 2-1 on the same day.

Brisbane Lions were looking for a positive result in Melbourne to consolidate on their 3-0 defeat of Green Gully the week before but they were meeting a team on the rebound from only their second loss of the season.

The game began in an uninspiring fashion and both teams took a long time to settle down. Indeed, the first 20 minutes were almost devoid of any positive attacking moves as the Lions were playing the offside trap to perfection.

Moreover, Juve's front runners Sweeney and Patterson were being closely checked by Armit and Liddell. Consequently, the normally attacking Juve were thwarted time and again by the tight Lion defence.

In the 29th minute a scramble in the Lions

penalty box resulted in Sweeney skying a chance that should have been put away. From this point Juve held sway with a succession of corners and even had a Brown header cleared off the line but to their credit Brisbane stuck to their task.

Although they did not create many scoring opportunities Brisbane were handed one courtesy of Juve sweeper John Yzendoorn just before half time when his bad clearance found Wright metres out from goal but he failed to control the ball when it mattered most and the danger was cleared.

After the break Juve began much more aggressively and were keen to achieve the breakthrough. Winger Robbie Cullen was involved in every forward move and he was the most effective avenue to goal for the Black and

Whites.

In the 58th minute a Patterson cross nearly led to the first goal when Yzendoorn's shot was parried in a goalmouth scramble.

Just two minutes later a well worked move between Sweeney and Palatsides saw the latter force a good save from keeper Farrow.

From the ensuing corner Brown's header hit the cross bar but the ball rebounded to Palatsides whose header in turn was handled on the goal line by a Lions defender.

Eddie Campbell's subsequent penalty kick also hit the cross bar and after a chaotic struggle in the penalty box, man of the match Cullen found a gap to slot in the goal that was to separate the two teams at the end of the game.

The Lions had per-



BY CARLO DEL PORTO

formed well for an hour but this setback obviously affected their morale as they seemed to drop their bundle from this point.

The Juve midfield was now on top beginning many forward moves in search of a second goal. In the 77th minute Petersen found Cullen on his own but his shot was well saved by

Farrow.

The Lions had relied on a counter attacking game which had created very few opportunities although in the 79th minute Drury ran on to a through ball but could only manage a weak shot which was easily saved by keeper Banovic.

Just before the end of the 90 minutes Palatsides and Wade combined only to see the latter's shot miss its mark by inches.

All in all a mediocre game but one which finds Juve again breathing down the necks of competition leaders Just so in this respect it could prove an invaluable two points.

JUVENTUS: Banovic, Campbell, Brown, Durakovic, Yzendoorn, Wade, Cullen, Sweeney, Petersen, Palatsides, Patterson, (Vesnaver and Montemurro).
BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, Liddell, Armit, McSkimming, Stewart, Stewart, Ogden, Bessingthwaite, Wright, Drury, (Anderson and Mulvey).

PENALTY WINS FOR NEWCASTLE

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

NEWCASTLE Rosebud United won its first home game of the season on Saturday on the strength of a converted penalty kick awarded just 36 seconds after the kick off.

Referee Tony Pollard was close by as Inter Monaro centre back Ricki Budini handled the ball from a long throw-in by Rosebud's fullback Ross Milosevic and had no hesitation in awarding the penalty.

Mark Jones drove the ball to the right of the Monaro keeper Nick Antonopoulos to record the only score in a match from which few players emerged with any great credit.

Rosebud's New Zealand representative goalkeeper Clint Gosling had little to do, although he did save one good shot on the run from Velice Trajanovski in the 27th minute and another from a 15 metre drive from Steve Winn in the 37th minute.

Rosebud's skipper and centre back Ian Bannon turned in a solid game but one redeeming feature of the match was the performance, particularly in the second half of the young local

striker, Sean Ingham.

In the 22nd minute, Ingham collected a loose ball in midfield and beat three defenders only to see his shot just miss the left hand post.

Shortly before half time he was prominent again. Lifting in a high cross from the right, he must have been disappointed to see fullback John Cavanagh miss the goal with his volley from 10 metres.

Twice in the second half Naumov broke through on the right side defence and finished each time with a left foot shot from an acute angle only to have the ball strike the cross bar. From the second of these, Bobby Naumov picked up the rebound but fired the ball into the side netting.

In a game that was anything but spiteful, Tony Pollard issued three yellow cards - the first to Monaro's Attilio Carbone, the second to Rosebud's Matt Garland and the third almost on full time to Steve Winn.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Jones, Garland, Bannon, Milosevic, Cavanagh, Owens, Crabtree, Ingham, Naumov.

INTER MONARO: Antonopoulos, Walsh, Gagetti, Budini, Tittles, Wotherspoon, Carbone, Winn, Trajanovski (Willcox 73), D'Addario (Peronovic 55), Ambrosino.

REFEREE: T Pollard.
CROWD: 1042.

ASW'S ROUND-UP OF THE MELBOURNE WEEKEND MATCHES

IN a vital game at Olympic Village Heidelberg defeated Footscray Just 2-1 in a contrasting two halves. The first 45 minutes saw Footscray attacking time and again against a very defensive minded Heidelberg.

A shot from Bozinovski in the 19th minute hit the cross bar and five minutes later Ossie Latif put Footscray into the lead.

But Heidelberg fought back towards the end of the first half and in the 44th minute Selmidis bent a free kick into the top corner to make it 1-1.

Heidelberg pushed forward more in the second half and was finally rewarded in the 70th minute when Footscray's Karic handled the ball in his penalty area. Alan Hunter made no mistake with the conversion.

It was a demoralising defeat for Footscray and coach Sekularec was visibly upset after the game and refused to talk to reporters.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Katsakidis, Hunter, Selmidis, Marley, Pappa (Kanesoulis), Lucchesi, Tsolakis, Brown (Valentine), Wilson.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Petrov, Karic, Vukovic, Belic, Tapel, Stolic, Latif, Bozinovski, Lujic (Simic), Curovic.

IN a very ordinary game at the Gully Reserve Adelaide City beat Green Gully 1-0 to send Gully to the bottom of the ladder.

Two minutes into the game Mullen put Adelaide into the lead with an acrobatic shot from a corner and that remained the only bright note of an otherwise dull game.

However, the win was precious for Adelaide as they now are equal second level with Brunswick Juventus, just one point off the lead in the Southern Division.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogen, Douglas, Frazer, McLelland, Flavell, Campbell (Reynolds), Barachiello, Kadlerik, Theodosopoulos (Vizzini), Cumming.

ADELAIDE CITY: Naeclone, Higgins, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melts, Sentrac, Vilitani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.

A Preston team hard hit by injury were unlucky just the same not to defeat Sunshine George Cross at the Connor Reserve as they attacked consistently throughout the game.

Just after half time Parton put Sunshine ahead against the run of play. Gary Cole finally put Preston on the score board after 65 minutes and helped seal a home draw which should have been two points.

PRESTON: Traianides, Roodhouse, McClennan, Opasinas, Dobson, Petrov (Woodall), Cole, Jolevski, Smith, Lane, Spink.
SUNSHINE: Kastner, James Parton, Taylor, Campbell (Markovski), Faulkner, Bain, Lennon, Glider, McLaren, Richardson.



Paul Wade

250th ISSUE

YES, as it says on the front page, we turn 250 today - issues old that is.

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In fact we could be considered to be a little more than 250 issues old. You see way back in 1970 a newspaper not unlike the one you are reading now, named AUSTRALIAN SOCCER was born. It ran for a year and the staff included such notables as Cricketing expert David Frith, Brian Emery and Mike Hill.

But the one and only Soccer Weekly is going along just fine and intends to for many more a long day.

We hope you like our celebratory issue just as much as we do.

Happy 250th and may there be many more.

WOLLONGONG SHUT DOWN

WOLLONGONG showed why it has the best defensive record in the Northern position when it held an attacking Canberra City to a nil-nil draw at Bruce Stadium.

In the first hour Canberra came forward regularly with combinations of passes, but Warwick Young's goal was not really threatened until the 50th minute when Ray Junna headed wide at the far post.

On the break at the half hour mark Peter Kotamanidis was tackled in the area and grabbed the ball, looking for a penalty. When referee Graham Warner waved play on, Kotamanidis jumped to his feet and blasted the ball onto the cross bar. It was Wollongong's only chance in the first half.

At each end there was a great save from a long distance drive after half time. Young tipped over a rising 20 metre drive from Jim Hamilton in the 70th minute, and Anthony Franken flung himself far to his right to push a ferocious Kotamanidis drive around the post with just 8 minutes left in the game.

Wollongong's back four read Canberra's

game plan well. Hilton Phillips was confined to raids down the wing, while Junna chased hard down the middle.

It was when Phillips came into the middle that he should have won the game for Canberra. In the 69th minute he headed over an open goal from close in. Jim Cant, playing in the centre of midfield, had said substitute Ian Gibson on the left, and Gibson's cross was pinpoint accurate.

Leonel Arcosa and Larry Gaffney sparked sustained Wollongong pressure in the final 20 minutes, when Canberra was content to respond rather than dictate the play.

Wollongong midfielder Willie Murray was carried off with a dislocated elbow in the 74th minute. His replacement, David Batten, added thrust to the visitor's attack.

Canberra coach Steve Bryant celebrated his promotion from caretaker with his best display for some weeks.

CANBERRA: Franken, Dunn, Bryant, Burke, Byrne, Sermann, Cant, Hamilton, Palacios, Phillips, Junna (Gibson 65).

WOLLONGONG: Young, Gaffney, Morlando, Chibly, Vilestra, Cokely, Giraldo, Arcosa, Murray (Batten 74), Kotamanidis, Brodnik.

REFEREE: G Warner.
CROWD: 943.

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SLICKERS SLAUGHTER PATHETIC SAINTS

BY CHARLES CROSS

FRANK AROK managed to raise a smile but it was an effort after St George were crushed 7-0 by a rampant Sydney City at the Sydney Athletic Field.

It was the biggest defeat by the club since it joined the National League but Slickers coach Eddie Thomson more correctly called it a slaughter.

"It is better to be beaten 7-0 in one game than to lose 1-0 in seven games," said a philosophical Arok.

"This game is over. The next is the main worry and it is time to string some wins together again."

It was one of those games where everything went right for the Slickers. Back heels, side flicks, bounces, deflections and the harder St George tried the worse they became.

Socceroo captain

John Kosmina got a first half hat trick including a penalty when Eli Ohana put Jean Paul de Marigny through but the flying fullback was brought down in the area by keeper Mike Gibson.

Murray Barnes started the scoring in the 12th minute with a smashing 18 metre drive following a Joe Watson free kick which left Gibson stranded.

Ohana and Frank Farina were carving huge holes in the St George defence which looked lumbering alongside the mobile Slickers.

Kosmina picked up his second with a snap header from an Ohana cross and his third following a de Marigny

free kick from the left.

In between, Steve O'Connor took advantage of another defensive error when the ball bounced off Alex Lampropoulos into the path of the centre back who whipped it into the net from close range.

With a half time score of 5-0 the result was academic - the final score was the major guessing point.

St George made its first attack on the Sydney City goal one minute into the second half when substitute Roy Cotton forced a corner from a smart header.

Scott Ollerenshaw had two attempts and Cotton one more during the half to wind up the St George threat.

And to make it worse for the despairing Saints, defender Mike O'Shea tried to clear a Watson cross but only succeeded in putting the ball into his own net.

It was the best performance this season by the Slickers and they will miss the skills of Ohana when he returns to Israel. He more than made up for his quiet run last week.



John Kosmina

New signing Tom McCulloch came on for Watson in the last ten minutes in his first run for his new team.

"It was a slaughter and we had too much pace and class," said Thomson.

"They played like

Uruguay in the first ten minutes with their tackling and if we had kept up the pressure in the second half we could have scored more goals."

SYDNEY CITY: Alex McPherson, Alex Robertson, Steve O'Connor, Jean Paul de Marigny, Gerry Gomez (Ean Rodrigues 85m), Murray Barnes, Joe Watson

(Tom McCulloch 81m), Frank Farina, John Kosmina, Grant Lee, Eli Ohana.

ST GEORGE: Mike Gibson, David Skeen (Stuart Porter 60m), Robert O'Shea, John O'Shea, Michael O'Shea, Peter Petkovski, Miklos Orsagh (Roy Cotton 29m), Andy Koczka, Craig Moffitt, Alex Lampropoulos, Scott Ollerenshaw.

REFEREE: Jim Reeves.

HELLAS SUNK
BY TOM MCKAIN
WHILE home fans would not have appreciated the similarity, they saw World Cup-type soccer at Hindmarsh Stadium where South Melbourne sunk Adelaide Hellas 2-0.

Not that the game was a classic, but two players, one from each team, were sent off and South played out most of the second half with possession soccer after having scored twice in the first.

The opening goal came from the effervescent Charlie Egan in the 2nd minute.

Inside the home box on the right side he pulled down a beautiful cross from overlapping leftback Angelo Postecoglou and rifled the ball past goalkeeper Martyn Crook who had no chance.

Socrates Nicolaidis brought the second goal in the 34th minute, also on the right, but outside the penalty area when he got the ball from Egan and sent in a rising shot which had a "goal of the day" tag on it.

Hellas, which had won its last three home games under new coach Edmund Kreft, came close to scoring but not close enough.

Midfielder John Panagis saw a shot cleared off the line after a goal-mouth scrimmage, striker Gary Ward headed a ball only to see it held by keeper Peter Laumets, who also dealt with a George Konstandopoulos header.

Hellas had a chance to pull one back early in the second half when Lou Hristodoulou came in from the left, but he tried to shoot instead of cutting the ball back and all he got was a corner.

The red cards flashed in the 72nd minute from referee Tony Martell when Danny Crainie, who played well for South, clashed with Charlie Yankos.

Blows were thrown and the pair were sent marching.

Down to 10 men each, the same pattern continued with South running so much better off the ball and content to hold on to their lead.

Hellas certainly pressured South more in the second period, but their raids were more speculative than based on calculated build ups which left Ward fighting a lone battle.

Konstandopoulos was taken off and replaced by Steve Papadopoulos but it made little difference.

HELLAS: Crook, Brown, Yankos, Dunn, Scott, Manou, Honeyman, Panagis, Ward, Konstandopoulos (Papadopoulos 65), Hristodoulou.

SOUTH: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Halford, Egan, Murphy, Davidson, Postecoglou, McDowell, Crainie, Nicolaidis. REFEREE: T Martell SA. CROWD: 2876.

NSL RESULTS

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CITY 7 (J Kosmina 3, M Barnes, S O'Connor, E Ohana, M O'Shea og) ST GEORGE 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1218.
LEICHHARDT 1 (E Lorens) drew with BLACKTOWN 1 (R Slater) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1351.
CANBERRA 0 drew with WOLLONGONG 0 at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 943.
SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (G Arnold) CANTERBURY 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4172.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (V Estavillo) drew with MARCONI 1 (A Janin) at Pratten Park. Crowd: 4635.
NEWCASTLE 1 (M James) MONARO 0 at Newcastle.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

PRESTON 1 (Cole) drew with SUNSHINE 1 (Parton) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000.
BRUNSWICK 1 (R Cullen) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1500.
ADELAIDE CITY 1 (J Mullen) GREEN GULLY 0 at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 352.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (J Campbell, S Gojevic, R Markovac) BRISBANE CITY 1 Kieran Cooper) at Spencer Park. Crowd 1893.
HEIDELBERG 2 (T Selemidis, A Hunter) FOOTSCRAY 1 (O Latif) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 5500.
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (C Egan, S Nicolaidis) ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2836.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	4	6	—	20	10	14
Sydney Croatia	6	2	2	16	8	14
Wollongong	5	3	2	11	6	13
Marconi	4	3	3	16	13	11
Blacktown City	4	3	3	12	13	11
Sydney City	3	5	2	21	12	11
Newcastle	3	5	2	13	13	11
St George	3	5	2	13	13	11
Leichhardt	3	3	4	11	14	9
Canberra	2	4	4	9	11	8
Canterbury	2	2	6	11	17	6
Monaro	1	1	8	6	23	3

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Footscray	7	1	2	17	16	15
Brunswick	6	2	2	18	4	14
Adelaide City	5	4	1	18	9	14
Preston	4	4	2	13	7	12
Sunshine	3	6	1	11	8	12
South Melbourne	5	1	4	11	9	11
H'berg	3	4	3	11	13	10
Brisbane Lions	3	2	5	11	10	8
Melbourne Croatia	2	3	5	7	13	7
Adelaide Hellas	3	—	7	9	16	6
Brisbane City	1	4	5	10	24	6
Green Gully	1	3	6	7	14	5

CROATIA LIFTS ITSELF AWAY FROM THE BOTTOM

MELBOURNE CROATIA drove another nail into the Brisbane City coffin with a decisive 3-1 win at Spencer Park.

BY GREG RUSSELL

The result enabled the Melbourne team to climb from the bottom of the Southern Division table and pushed Brisbane City back into second last position, staring NSL axing in the face.

Croatia thoroughly deserved the win, playing the ball well through the midfield, and could have added several more goals but for some wayward finishing and several good saves by young City keeper Robert Harrison.

Harrison's fine efforts atoned for his 15th minute mistake which enabled Croatia to go one ahead. Victor Cristaldo crossed from the left into the goalmouth for what should have been an easy keeper's take.

But the ball went over Harrison and an amazed Jim Campbell headed into the net.

City drew level in the 39th minute when Kieran Cooper put away yet another penalty awarded by Brisbane referee Bill Monteverde. Monteverde had ruled Croatia defenders had used their arms on City striker Alan Reis to head away a cross.

At 1-1 at half time, the incentive was there for both teams to push

for the much needed two points in the second half. And Croatia showed all the commitment in the second period.

City were woeful, giving away possession, lacking ideas and devoid of any aggression or will to win. Clearly unless club officials act now, all will be lost.

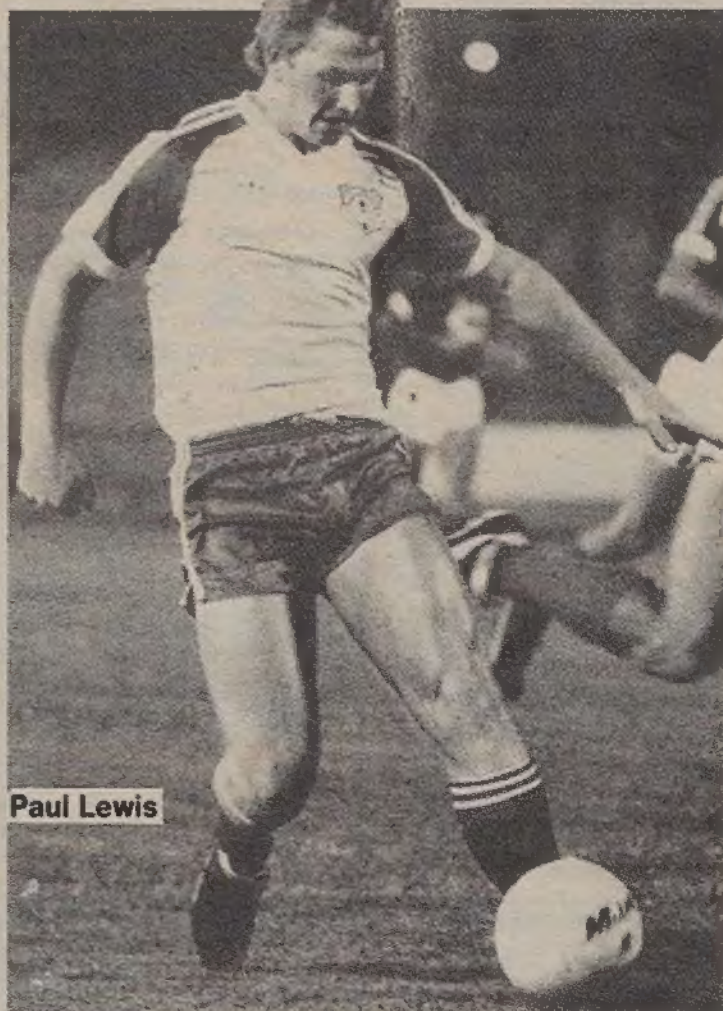
Croatia were rewarded for their extra effort when they went ahead in the 60th minute through a well worked goal. Robert Markovac controlled a Mirko Runje kick, played it wide to Paul Lewis, then picked up a return pass to slam home the goal.

Croatia's third was scored with three minutes to go by Steve Gojevic, rewarding him for a fine all round performance.

BRISBANE CITY: Harrison, Caird (Archer 72), Perry, Mengotti, Bromfield, Fabrizio, Hamilton (Catalano 72), Lettieri, White, Cooper, Reis.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah, Campbell, Cristaldo, Biskic (Redmond 77), Gojevic, Markovac, Lewis.

REFEREE: Bill Monteverde. CROWD: 1893.



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MARCONI GRAB DRAW IN DULL MATCH

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI scored a valuable one-all draw at Pratten Park against undefeated League leaders, Sydney Olympic in a somewhat drab match that brought few sparkling, entertaining moves.

Understandably, Marconi sat back early to see what initiative Sydney Olympic would show. They were disappointed.

The Olympic strike-line of Stuart Johnston, Marshall Soper and Chris Kalantzis were constantly chocked off by Marconi's back four of Paul Carter, Tony Henderson, Lee Sterrey and Robbie Wheatley.

The Olympic midfielders were to blame for not breaking forward in support.

Marconi's coach Les Scheinflug gambled and switched normal free-back Robbie Wheatley to left-back. The gamble paid off as Wheatley was Man of the Match,

keeping everything tight down his line and even coming forward to spark attacks.

The Marconi midfield of Ian Gray, Craig Mason, Adrian Janin and Peter Tredinnick were always industrious with Argentine Janin excellent with close-ball skills.

In the 27th, Olympic opened the score when Johnston, Gary Phillips and Peter Raskopoulos worked the ball across to Vicente Estavillo. Estavillo ducked and weaved his way through two Marconi defenders before rifling a drive from the edge of the box to hit the target.

But five minutes before the break, Wheat-

ley crossed from the right side into Olympic's box for Janin to head home from eight metres and level the scoreline.

Some rough tackling tested the patience of the excellent referee Richard Lorenc, who was forced to issue five yellow cards.

Marconi's Argentine striker, Osvaldo El'Ali repeatedly ripped Olympic's defence lines with scintillating, scorching raids. Once he has fully settled into the club, El'Ali will prove to be a sensational goalscorer.

Marconi missed a glorious opportunity just three minutes before the break when little striker, David Lowe skied his five metre angled drive over the top of the Olympic cross-bar.

In the 64th minute, Olympic pieced together its best move of the match.

Skipper Raskopoulos picked up the ball from midfield and sprayed it wide left to the block-

busting winger, Kalantzis. Kalantzis took on Carter and Sterrey, crossed to the back stick but midfielder Gary Phillips smashed his left-footed, seven metre drive, over the top of the bar.

The crowd roared wildly in the 65th minute when the recently returned from overseas, Peter Katholos, came on to substitute one of Olympic's best players, Stuart Johnston. Katholos looked much trimmer and fitter but never really got into the game.

Marconi's right-back Paul Carter could have put his side into the lead in the 76th minute when he broke away on the right and came infield. The lanky Andy Stankovic, Olympic's centre-back, came across with a covering crash-tackle a split second after Carter fired his shot.

Carter's shot whistled inches past the base of Olympic's right post and Stankovic was carried off with an injury to his knee to be replaced by striker, Simon Brandt.

Best performers for

the home side were central defender Mike Coady and left-back, Emanuel Spanoudakis whilst for Marconi, Wheatley, El'Ali and Mason were tyrants in the battle.

Later I questioned Robbie Wheatley about his new position, he smilingly answered: "I don't care where I play with a good team. This was the first time I've played in the left pocket in my life. If it's good for the team then it's good for me."

After the match, Les Scheinflug stated: "We should be happy with a point I suppose but we did dominate the second half and we did have more chances than them. In fact, I can only remember them having only two strikes on goals."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meler: Rogers, Coady, Stankovic (Brandt 78th), Spanoudakis: Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo: Johnston (Katholos 65th), Soper, Kalantzis.

MARCONI: James: Carter, Henderson, Sterrey, Wheatley: Gray, Mason, Janin, Tredinnick: El'Ali (Colusso 74th), Lowe.

REFEREE: R.Lorenc.

NOT MUCH TO TALK ABOUT

APIA LEICHHARDT and Blacktown City stumbled to a 1-1 draw in their clash at Lambert Park.

By BARRY DAVIS

The match couldn't be described as a good advertisement for the game and was far from the entertaining spectacle expected by many fans.

Neither team played the football of which they are capable and this together with the incessant whistle of referee Manny Loupis resulted in a very boring fixture.

Blacktown City was more adventurous and their game plan was obviously to attack. Indeed Apia did little more than defend in the first session.

For the most part the first period was played in the midfield with Blacktown City attempting to find a way through the Apia defensive wall. Their efforts were unexpectedly rewarded in the 42nd.

Peter Denyer headed toward the goals and Tony Pezzano fumbled. Robbie Slater was close at hand to take full advantage by tucking the ball away from close range.

A few seconds later, Blacktown City almost went two goals ahead when Paul Kay hit the crossbar and then Brett Thornthwaite had his chance from the rebound touched over by Pezzano.

The second half was slightly better than the first had been. The improved play was perhaps inspired by the introduction of 18 year old schoolboy, Tony Parison into Apia's midfield and of Joe Carroll into the Blacktown City attack at halftime.

The play became much more open but both sides had attacks thwarted at the final pass.

Both Apia and Blacktown City failed to take advantage of the many free-kicks within shooting range.

Perhaps the unluckiest of these was taken by Apia's Polish import Janusz Baran in the 60th minute.

He bent a 25 metre free-kick around the Blacktown City wall missing the target by millimetres.

In the 70th minute, Apia gained their equaliser through their second Polish import Edward Lorens. He found himself unmarked and unchallenged 25 metres from Blacktown's goal and unleashed a powerful right foot drive which completely beat David Curtis.

Five minutes later Blacktown had three excellent chances in rapid succession.

Joe Carroll, Robbie Slater and Carroll again each had shots charged down.

The last of these resulted in appeals that Arno Bertogna had handled but they were ignored by referee Loupis.

This was a disappointing match for players as well as spectators. Both sides performed well below their ability and although they shared the League points, the game was on a real loser with this display.

APIA: Pezzano: Stevens, Bertogna, Brown, Bozanic, Bundalo (Harrison 46th), Hristovski, Lorens, Butler, Koussas (Morsello 60th), Baran.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis: Willis, Ainsworth, McLeod, Knight, Kay, Bradley, Denyer (Byrne 70th), Slater, Sandy, Thornthwaite (Carroll 46th).

Referee: M.Loupis. Crowd: 1351.

The Editor

EVER noticed how quickly it gets dark in the final stages of our competitions during the middle of winter.

And have you ever had trouble working out which players has the ball or reading the number on the back of his shirt.

The NSW State League this season has altered the starting time of its game from 3pm to 2.45 and what a difference that 15 minutes makes.

For players, it's ending the game while it is still light and for spectators, it means getting home in time to enjoy a leisurely meal with the family.

Some States have flexi starting times — late at the beginning of the season when the summer sun is still shining brightly and then altering to an earlier start when the winter arrives.

Then again, this early finish has other invisible advantages for the code, particularly its assistance to the media.

Late finishes make it difficult for journalists to have match reports ready for radio and television which at present merely give the bare scores and very little comment.

Considering the torrent of words given for rugby league and the VFL, any improvement on Soccer's minority coverage would be welcomed.

The earlier finish would also enable newspaper journalists to write their stories earlier and possibly get more space in their daily or weekly papers.

It works well in some States. It's working well this season in NSW and it should be adopted by all States.

At the same time, further consideration should be given to the English system of three points for a win and one point for a draw.

It is still used successfully in Western Australia, the only State that persevered with the experiment, and the close league finishes have kept everyone interested to the last round.

Why should a miserable, boring, defensive draw be worth only one point less than a team which has given everything to win in an exhibition of entertaining and exciting football.

Teams playing away from home constantly say they are satisfied to return with a point. Wouldn't they be more satisfied with two points?

The last English League First Division was in doubt to the end using the three point system, both at the top and at the bottom.

Maybe these two moves will put back some of the interest and incentive that has been lacking in recent years.

CROATIA WIN BUT ARE UNIMPRESSIVE

SYDNEY CROATIA put together a very ordinary performance as they struggled to beat lowly Canterbury Marrickville Olympic 1-0 at the Croatian Sports Centre.

BY FRANK COLETTA

After getting the inevitable winner in the 23rd minute through international Graham Arnold, the home side made very hard work of what should have been a relatively easy two competition points.

Croatia, started from the outset attempting to break down the defences of the Marrickville outfit, but the backs well marshalled by Spyros Hantzis stood firm.

But Vedran Rozic's side were their own worst enemies at the best of times as the attacking sortees broke down time and again through inept passing and finishing.

As Croatia began to lose impetus in attack, Canterbury became more confident of grabbing an equaliser.

The Berries were always threatening on the counter-attack and can be considered a little unlucky not to have taken at least a point from the match despite having central defender, George Haniotis sent from the field right near the end.

Haniotis was given his marching orders in the 82nd minute when he

encroached on a Sydney Croatia free-kick just outside the area. This being a bookable offence he was on his way as referee Arthur Owens had previously shown him the yellow card for foul play.

For all their zest and purpose, though Canterbury only came close to the goal they so desperately needed on one occasion.

In the 61st minute Hantzis, the captain, let loose with an awesomely struck free-kick from some 30 metres. Steve Watson, the goalie, managed to palm the ball onto the crossbar and gather in the rebound.

But then again the game became bogged down and scrappy as Croatia were left rueing two disallowed 'goals', one in each half as they vainly tried to increase the score.

Arnold for all his worth in midfield and the goalscoring winner, missed several chances rather unlike his usual reliable self.

With only a couple of minutes remaining in the game the home side came close three times.

A Zarko Odzakovic free-kick was brilliantly saved by Canterbury's diminutive keeper Chris Hummel and from the ensuing corner a spectacular shot by Arnold was also saved.

Right on the stroke of full-time Zeljko Jurin

came ever so close to scoring a magic goal as he volleyed a cross just inches wide.

But then missed opportunities were the order of the day.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson, Savor, Jennings, Kovacic (Dragicevic 84), Rozic, Clinch, Jurin, Arnold, Rumora, Odzakovic, Lamond.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Svlanos, Hantzis, Haniotis, Akoutas, Kalogeris, Godzik, Zalimi, Borges, Zrilic, Philippou (Jebraali 45) (Karaspoulos 81).

CROWD: 4172 REFEREE: A.Owens



Sydney Olympic's Chris Kalantzis.

ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

IS THE WORLD CUP TOO LONG?

IS the World Cup too long?

That was an issue raised in a recent editorial in this paper which, among other things, felt the World Cup was far too long and that future World Cups should be reduced from 24 to the previous 16 finalists.

It's an opinion that may have a lot of support however I totally disagree with the shorter format for three basic reasons.

Australian supporters of the world game were starved for media coverage of our sport.

We are also grossly discriminated against by the media at large who

have always highlighted our negative aspects yet seldom, if ever, acknowledge the game's achievements.

The World Cup, at worst, brings attention to Soccer in this country.

The event is so large — the largest sporting event in the world by far — that even our well known "sporting editors" and other great detractors cannot ignore it.

The longer the World Cup, the more local media attention for our game.

The second reason I support the length and

number of participants in the current finals is that it gives the so called developing nations from Soccer's "third world" like Africa, Asia, Middle East and Oceania the chance to participate and progress.

As such Algeria, Morocco, Iraq, South Korea and Canada have done us all proud. Morocco topping its round one group over England, Poland and Portugal speaks for itself.

Algeria were absolutely superb against

Brazil, particularly in the second half before Brazil scored where

they even out Braziled the Brazilians.

Iraq, too, were far from disgraced while South Korea were most impressive. Who scores two goals against Italy?

Their shooting was probably the best of all teams in round one and their goals were also among the best.

Don't be surprised if the South Koreans set the world on fire when they host the Olympic Games in 1988.

Even Canada were not disgraced. Who would have fancied playing an in form Soviet side and France?

At worst the Canadians made games of

their matches despite the overwhelming odds unlike say Hungary against the Soviets and France or Bulgaria against Argentina.

The other obvious reason for the currently longer World Cup is that it gives us supporters, players, coaches and sports fans, the opportunity to see the world's best in direct opposition, updates all on styles, systems, skills, and tactics.

Mass exposure for the game in Australia, which happens only at World Cup time, is an opportunity for third world Soccer countries to show they could be

there instead of some of the more established nations and the educational and entertaining benefit for us all are the three main reasons I support the current World Cup 24 nation version.

Sure, as ASW's editorial pointed out, the longer World Cup has its share of non event matches.

But that it is the fault of the round robin, mini league matches which occur in round one matches where teams play for results (a draw, or a narrow loss) rather than having to go out and win games.

To eliminate this I

Today JOHNNY WARREN asks if the premier World sporting event is drawn out

would like to see FIFA introduce three points for a win and only one for a draw in the preliminary round.

This to me is the only way FIFA can stop teams playing for favourable results — other than winning.

The only alternative would be knock out matches from day one.

But which country would fancy spending four years getting to the finals, travelling to Mexico and then getting knocked out day one.

DOUBLE LIVE TELECASTS BY SBS-T.V.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEVER let it be said that the boys from SBS-TV failed to satisfy the appetite of the Australian Soccer fan during this 13th World Cup series being played in Mexico.

Over the past week, S.B.S.-T.V.'s Executive Sports Producer, Gary Thornthwaite and his production crew have brought into our lounge rooms a daily Live telecast plus highlights from Mexico.

And if daily wasn't enough to please, the boys from SBS as of yesterday, doubled our servings.

From the Monday morning of this week SBS began beaming two Live matches each day with the first going to air at 3.45am and backed up with the second four hours later.

All eight Stage 2 "sudden-death" matches this week will be covered Live by the Network as the 16 nations take their places for their sudden death duels.

This saturated quality coverage easily eclipses anything else that Australian T.V. Networks have attempted in Soccer.

It was planned originally by the Network that only one match per day would be granted Live coverage during

Stage 2 of the World Cup.

Late last week, SBS-TV conducted a telephone poll asking viewers if they wanted Live continuous coverage.

The station's switchboard immediately lit up and was jammed for the next four hours in response to the suggestion by the Station's Soccer host, Les Murray.

Three thousand calls were taken by Ms Mary Ghanem, the night-switch operator who had to seek assistance from three studio assistants to handle the torrid, telephonic deluge respon-



GARY THORNTHWAITE reaction to the telephone poll, SBS technicians were immediately booked to "over-ride" the Adelaide-Perth time delay system for the telecasts.

The management decision highlights the desire by SBS-TV to completely satisfy all Soccer lovers in Australia.

Tomorrow morning at 3.45am SBS will cover the classic 'clash' between current Cup holders Italy against the European Champions, France.

In case any of these Stage 2 matches end in a draw after 90 minutes, two periods of 15 minutes extra time will be played.

Should the scoreline still be locked in after this extra-time, the match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out as was done in the last World Cup in Spain in 1982 in one of the semis.

In 1982 West Germany and France were locked in after extra time and West Germany

won the most controversial penalty shoot-out which put the Germans into the Final against Italy.

All the matches will be hosted by Les Murray with Soccer Analyst Johnny Warren and National Coach, Frank Arok on the panel.

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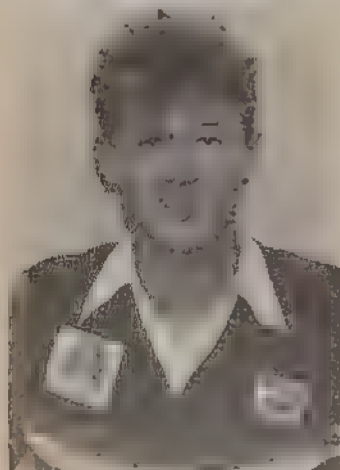
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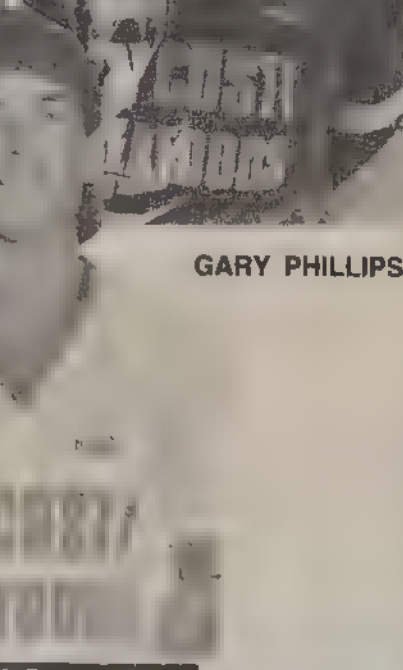
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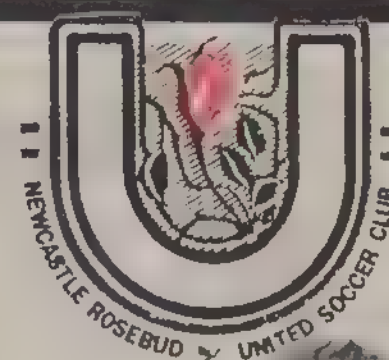
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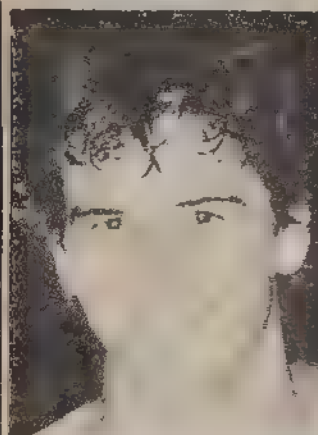
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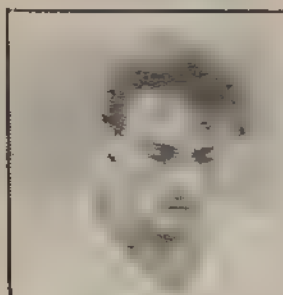
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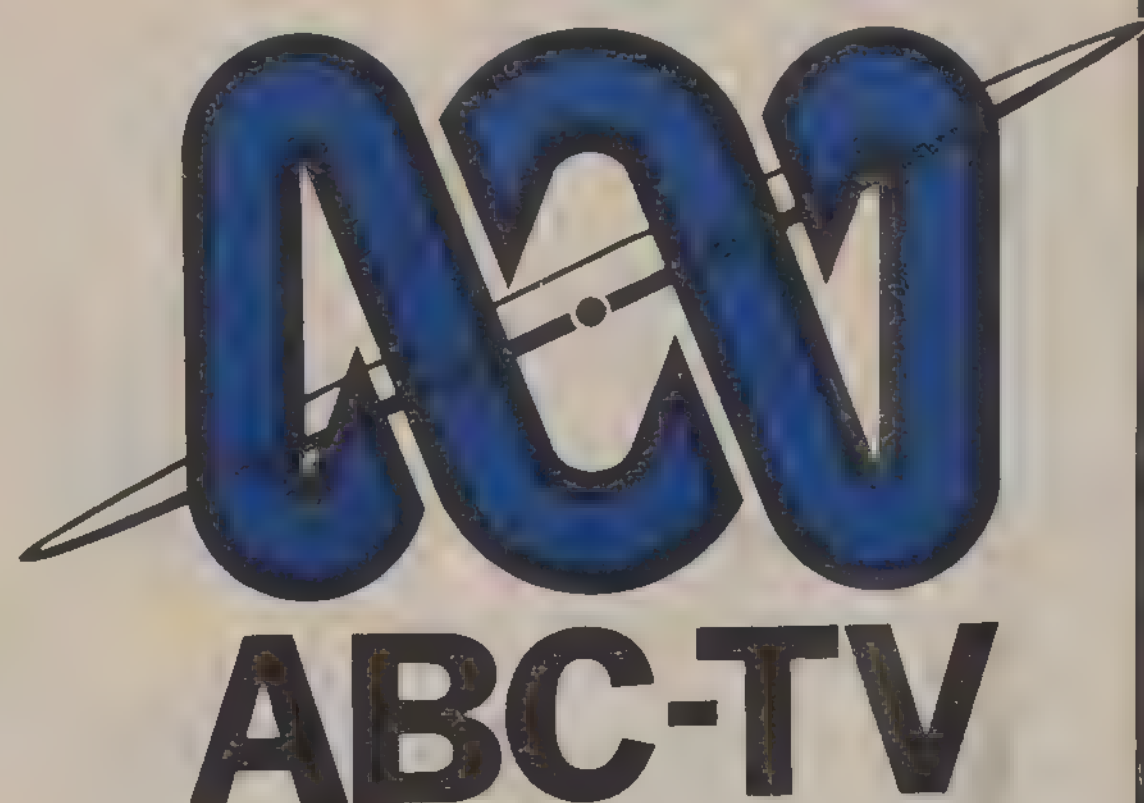
6 a.m.-8 a.m. Third quarter-final.
8 a.m.-10 a.m. Fourth quarter-final.

Thursday 26th June

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Sunday 29th June

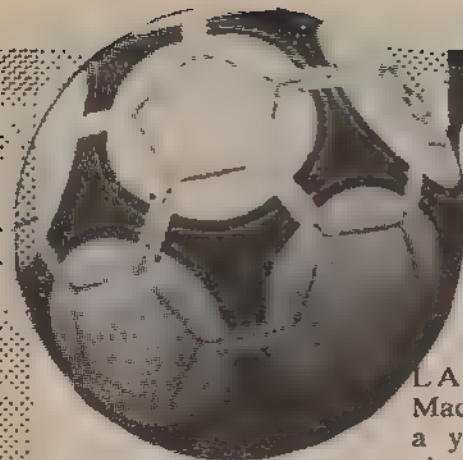
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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

FOOTSCRAY can forget signing SA's Youth team defender Slavco Hancar.

The big defender has decided to stay with his State League club Beograd, after trialling with Footscray and being invited back to join more training sessions.

He has taken over as coach of SA State League team Elizabeth, replacing former Soccerroo Bobby Hogg who split with the club three weeks ago after a run of defeats.

RUTHERFORD was a club in the Northern NSW Third Division last year. However, under the guidance of Doug Skelding and John Sullivan, both former top directors of the States Federation, the club has been renamed and has shifted camp.

They are now Maitland United, playing on Cool's Square Park, the home of big brothers Maitland Magpies out of the second division.

Maitland clubs have usually been dressed in combinations of black and white colours. The new aspect is different, they have chosen the Manchester United strip.

RADE Stefanovski has to be the smallest player in the northern division of the NSL but did well in Wollongong City's depleted line-up against Sydney Olympic.

He seems to "buzz" with energy and is a great favourite with the South Coast crowd.

The Wolves players were talking about the talented Russian midfielder Rade at training and someone compared his style to Stefanovski.

"That's right we can call Rade 'mice,'" said assistant coach Glenn Fontana.

LAST season Lake Macquarie City brought a young Englishman to their club and he showed considerable promise in his first few outings.

However, Mark Smith wasn't given a chance to show his full potential when he sustained a nasty injury.

He is back with a vengeance now. In recent games he has given the club's fans plenty to crow about. After all they call themselves the "Cocks of the North".

ANGRY International television heads have branded Mexico's failure to provide contracted facilities during the Cup matches as farcical and "the biggest disaster in the history of sports broadcasting."

They listed a series of foul-ups by Mexican tele-communications which has spoiled commentary to several countries including Canada and Australia. SBS sports producer Gary Thornthwaite is often left firing good-natured insults back at the happy-go-lucky hombres in Mexico.

It seems that the most popular "switcheroo" so far has been to send German commentary to several countries including Canada and Australia. SBS sports producer Gary Thornthwaite is often left firing good-natured insults back at the happy-go-lucky hombres in Mexico.

GREEN GULLY has been making "roundabout" enquiries about Adelaide City striker Steve Maxwell.

But they will be out of luck.

City has said Maxwell is not for sale — at any price.

The Victorian club has sold Paul Lewis to Melbourne Croatia and has Danny Ward hospitalised, which leaves them desperate for a front runner.

JOHN FLEMING made an interesting observation after playing through the second half of Wollongong City's game against Sydney Olympic.

The Wolves' coach replaced fullback David Green at half-time and despite admitting to being "very unfit" did well.

In the dressing room later Fleming said he had been surprised to find he was never really extended and quite enjoyed himself.

"It has been two years since I played in this league but it didn't take me long on the field to discover the standard has slipped," Fleming said.

"You don't really appreciate the difference in standard from the sideline; being involved you can feel the things around you are different."

The surprising thing about Fleming's return to "active service" was the nice treatment he received from Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer.

Schaefer was expected to direct all operations through speedy winger Chris Kalantzis when Fleming came on but Kalantzis hardly saw the ball at all.

ADELAIDE's two national league clubs have been watching the scoring feats of State League striker Marcel Barendregt.

But they are not likely to sign him.

The big Campbelltown front runner is 36!

TEDDY MAYBANK, the English import who played for Eindhoven in Holland then signed for Adelaide City two months ago, is no longer with the club.

He made a comeback after quitting the game in Holland following a knee operation.

Injured four weeks ago, he has quietly vanished from the scene.

Club president, Mr Charlie Caruso, made only a brief comment when asked about Maybank.

"He is not with us anymore," he said.

SOME clubs have become thin-skinned in this crucial NSL year. One Queensland side has lodged a formal complaint over a story which simply suggested players it could buy to strengthen its squad and others it might sell to get the money.

The club seems to be overlooking logic amid a rush of desperation.



JUST some news concerning the amount of technology needed to beam the Mexican World Cup into the comforts of your living-room.

More than 200 of the latest TV broadcast cameras are covering the World Cup series.

The 214 cameras, plus eleven outside broadcast vans, are part of the contract, worth US\$45 million, won by electronics leaders Phillips, for TV equipment at the twelve stadia in Mexico City and other cities up to 1000km away.

Tele Mexico, a joint operation of Mexico's two principal television companies, is responsible for televising each of the 52 matches and sending the signal by satellite to enthusiastic sports fans in over 150 countries.

It was estimated that the opening ceremony and first match, Italy v Bulgaria in the Azteca, was watched by an audience of more than 550 million viewers.

PARAGUAY took a psychologist, several cooks, doctors, a social worker and their own food to Mexico for the World Cup finals.

THE 5130 attendance figure announced at the Wollongong City-Sydney Olympic game in Wollongong was greeted with a roar of disbelief.

At their previous home match the Wolves drew an official gate of 5964 and at the Olympic game on the holiday Monday there were at least 1500 more fans there.

The official NSL scrutineer checked the turnstiles and said he felt there must have been a malfunction.

There certainly was a malfunction and it could be important with attendances taken into account for the point system deciding teams for next season's 14-team super league.

ABOVE and BELOW pictured is the altercation last month between APIA Leichhardt and Wollongong Wolves. Three players were sent off and many more were involved in the heated clashes. The question was raised as to whether the players involved would get away with a one-match suspension as has been the case in the past. Not this time though, some swift action by the OANSL made sure the culprits got their just desserts through a judiciary.



TONY DORIGO, Aston Villa's superstar full back holidaying in his native Adelaide, got a shock when he watched the recent Adelaide City-Hellas derby.

Dorigo described some of the tackling as the worst he had seen, and said it would not be tolerated in England.

"Perhaps it was more clumsy than intentionally rough," he said. "But there is no way I would want to play in that type of game."

DENMARK's World Cup boss, Sepp Piontek, banned his Mexico squad from writing columns for Danish newspapers during the finals.

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has taken the initiative by examining the costs and logistics of an interstate Soccer series.

It has started to canvas other states and could submit a proposal to the ASF later this year.

THREE billion fans will be able to watch the World Cup finals on TV thanks to a satellite system the Mexican government orbited last year with the help of NASA.

ALGERIAN World Cup striker Rachid Harkouk has been given a free transfer by English third division side Notts Country.

TO PROVE Soccer is loved the world over, Vietnam has come down with a severe case of World Cup fever.

Hundreds of thousands of Hanoi locals have been staying up all night to watch the action.

ENGLISH champions Everton will demand a \$2.12m transfer fee for their international midfielder Peter Reid.

ADELAIDE CITY may be regretting the release of big Pater Rankin to State League club Croatia.

The young front runner tops the State League scoring list with eight goals in 12 games.

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HIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club

HE Mexican organisers of the World Cup rolled out the red carpet for 10,000 journalists and hope tourism can benefit from the international publicity surrounding the Soccer championships.

Journalists from around the world were welcomed at an impressive international press centre built especially for the May 31-June 29 World Cup at a cost of around \$A5.6 million.

"Mexico has a lot of economic problems, the director of centre, Mr Octavio Fernandez, said. "It is a country in the developing process. This centre shows how we can apply the new technologies."



A model of the media headquarters in Mexico City.

BRISBANE LIONS, whose bank balance is more than flush, could lash out again before the transfer deadline.

The club still believes it needs an experienced central defender now Steve Jackson has moved to fullback to replace the retired Alan Niven. Money it seems is not an over-riding concern in this vital year.

INTER MONARO coach Frank Maccaroni returned to Canberra from a business trip to the Philippines recently disappointed that Soccer is only a minor sport in the country.

"I'm always on the look out for players, but while it's played in schools and universities it is at no more than a social level," he said.

"The big sports are basketball and baseball.

"The Spaniards were there for 300 years. I'm surprised they didn't do a better job of teaching them!"

THE Italian party were left little short of seething when FIFA decided to take ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI's hat-trick goal away from him.

The goal which would have made him top scorer after three games with five goals was 'scored' in the 3-2 win against South Korea.

There was certain confusion over the goal should have been awarded to. The differing accreditations were shared between Chung Jong-Soo (South Korean defender), Fernando de Napoli and Altobelli.

After the match the officials made it clear they'd given it to Altobelli but after using video replays FIFA stripped him of the goal.

The Italians quite rightly pointed out that if video could be used in this case, then why not the Spain-Brazil game over the disallowed 'goal' by Spain's Michel or why was the USSR's Yaremchuk awarded and accredited with a goal that on replay was clearly an own goal by a Hungarian defender.

Suffice to say FIFA have done some strange things lately and Altobelli has vowed that if he is denied the goal then he aims to make up for it in the near future.

THE youngest member of Mexico's national team said a few weeks ago that he might retire from professional Soccer after the World Cup if his club does not "pay what is fair next season."

Francisco Javier Cruz, 19, who is curiously nicknamed Grandfather, said if champion club Monterrey does not pay him at least \$US100,000 next year, he will definitely quit the game.

THE traditional magic sponge and cold water used by trainers to revive ailing players is foraworn on by the South Koreans. Ha Jin Woo, the Korean's physiotherapist, is just as likely to pull a needle out of his bag. "You take aspirins, we prefer acupuncture," he said.

MARCO Tardelli is renowned as a hard man — as his own Inter Milan teammate Fulvio Collovati well knows.

Defender Collovati suffered a bruised left knee after the two collided during a practice match.

A LIONESS is helping to guard the Northern Ireland squad at their security-ringed mountain top Guadalajara hotel. As their coach arrived, the Irish had the surprise of seeing the fully grown lion looking over the drive from her cage.

ORGANISERS are taking no chances on doping problems. Mexican doctor Aurelio Perez Teuffer, head of the World Cup medical commission, said there would be anti-doping tests at all matches.

MORE than 10,000 fans made the daily trek and clumb to watch the world champions Italy during their training camp in the mountains of southern Italy near Roccaraso last month prior to the Mexico World Cup.

Despite a ban on cars near the camp, the faithfuls still arrived in droves.

IF Argentine star Claudio Borghi fails to come up with the goods against Uruguay the country's Catholics will nod their heads knowingly.

Borghi, 21, is a strict Mormon and he re-

fused to visit the shrine of the Virgin of Lujan with other members of the Argentine squad.

DIEGO MARADONA, one of the victims of 'foul play'.



REFEREE's have been told to regulate the excessive fouls in the Cup. Pictured above is the France-Canada game.

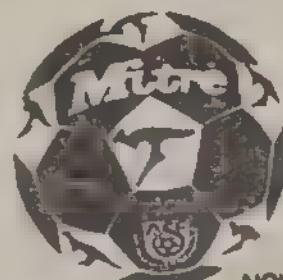
QUEENSLAND Soccer commentator Bob Buchanan celebrated his 50th in fine style recently. His family organised a surprise birthday party with guests including many of the players Bob had coached as juniors.

Quite a few XXXX and a sprinkling of NSL players were among the ranks.

ARGENTINIAN superstar Claudio Borghi is furious after being told by his club Argetinos Juniors he has been sold to AC Milan for \$US2½ million.

"They didn't even have the decency to tell me. They just went ahead and threw me out like an old TV set," he said.

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THE JUNIOR GAME

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THE Tasmanian Junior Soccer Council's annual championships for Under 13, 14 and 15 Representative teams were played recently at Devonport's Valley Road Soccer complex.

The carnival was run by the North-Western Tasmanian Schoolboys Soccer Association in conjunction with the Devonport Soccer Club. The tournament has been an annual event for many years and is held at a different regional venue each year. It is the showpiece for Tasmania's best junior players and an opportunity for State coaches to view prospective representatives.

One rep. team in each age group from each region — South, North, North-West — competed in a round-robin series over two days, playing each other twice.

The very large crowd was treated to some exciting and entertaining soccer on a weekend that was more reminiscent of a summer's day.

The South won all three age groups. They won the U/15 division by gaining maximum points. The U/14 division was the most evenly, skillfully and enterprisingly contested; the final result favouring the Southerners. The U/13 division had to be decided by goal difference after both the South and North had attained six points each, the South had a 3-goal better difference.

Result:
Under 13:
South d North-West 6-2
North d North-West 5-2
North d South 4-1
North d North-West 5-1
South d North 7-2
South d North-West 2-1

Under 14:
North d North-West 5-1
South d North 3-1

South d North-West 5-1
South d North 2-1
North-West d South 3-2
North d North-West 1-1

Under 15:
South d North 3-1
South d North-West 2-1
North d North-West 3-1
South d North-West 6-0
North d North-West 9-2
South d North 2-1

Final placings:

Under 13:
South 4 3 0 1 16 9 6
North 4 3 0 1 16 6 6
North-West 4 0 0 4 6 16 0

Under 14:
South 4 3 0 1 12 6 6
North 4 1 1 2 8 6 3
North-West 4 1 1 2 6 13 3

Under 15:
South 4 4 0 0 13 3 8
North 4 2 0 2 14 8 4
North-West 4 0 0 4 4 20 0

PATS' CLOSE WIN

THE third round game between Fairfield Patrician Brothers and Westfield High School, proved to be a match worthy of a final.

With both sides playing an open brand of football, the match followed from one end of the field to the other. Westfield were first to open the scoring by Stephen Frxetis, midway through the first half.

Patrician Brothers replied through Martin Manicaro before half-time — leaving the score at 1-1 at the interval.

The second half started just as fast, with Westfield getting the upper hand with two goals — one from a corner by Adam Leatherbarrow and one from a free kick by Stephen Frxetis to take the score to 3-1 with approximately 15 minutes remaining.

In a finale, as tight and thrilling as the match, Fairfield emerged the winners 6-5 on penalties.

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP MET. EAST

ROUND 1

Randwick Boys 1, J.J. Cahill 2, James Cook 21, Matraville 0, Engadine 3, Caringbah 0, Endeavour 1, Blakeshurst 2, Canterbury Boys' 3, Dover Height 0, Randwick North 0, Kogarah 11, Belmore Boys' 3, Strathfield South 0, Dulwich 2, Maroubra Junction 1, Woollooware 1, Kingsgrove 2, Hurstville 3, Fort Street 0, Tempe 2, Kingsgrove North 4, Kirrawee 0, Sydney Tech. 1, Vaulcuse 0, Glebe/Marrickville 2.

ROUND 2

J.J. Cahill 1, Heathcote 0, James Cook 2*, Engadine 2, Kogarah 6, Belmore Boys' 2, Narwee 1, Dulwich 3, Kingsgrove 2, Hurstville 3, Gympie 1, Kingsgrove North 4.

ROUND 3

J.J. Cahill 4, James Cook 0, Dulwich 1, Hurstville 1*, Kingsgrove North 5, Sydney Tech 1.

ROUND 4

J.J. Cahill 1, Canterbury Boys' 0, Hurstville 1, Kingsgrove North 2.

ROUND 1

Wiley Park 8, Wilkins 1, Randwick Girls 9, J.J. Cahill 0, Tempe 1, Beverly Hills 7, Dulwich 0, Canterbury Girls' 13, Caringbah 0, Heathcote 8, Penshurst 3, Kogarah 2, Kirrawee 7, Woollooware 0, Endeavour 0, Blakehurst 4, Marrickville 2, Kingsgrove North 1.

NORTH COAST

ROUND 1

Kadina 0, Lismore 1, Kendall 0, Chatham 3.

ROUND 1

Kadina 0, Lismore 1, Coffs Harbour 1, Toombina 0, Dorrigo 3, Bowraville 0, Melville 0, West Port 6.

ROUND 2

West Port 2, Wauchope 3.

SOUTH WEST

ROUND 1

Airds 2, Camden 1, St Johns Park 3, Holsworthy 4, Ashcroft 6, Canley Vale 0, Hoxton Park 10, Liverpool Girls' 0, Hurlstone Ag. 1, Miller 3, Cabramatta 7, Bonnyrigg 2, East Hills Girls' 7, Bass 3, Fairfield 1, Fairvale 0, Lurnea 1, Macquarie Fields 7, Bankstown Girls' 2, Chester Hill 3, Birrong Girls' 0, Condell Park 3.

ROUND 2

Elderslie 4, Airds 1, Holsworthy 2, Westfield 6, Miller 2, Cabramatta 1, East Hills Girls' 1, Fairfield 0, Macquarie Fields 3, Redfern 2, Chester Hill 6, Sefton 0, Condell Park 1, St Joseph Banks 9.

ROUND 3

Elderslie 2, Westfield 7, Hoxton Park 5, Miller 0, East Hills Girls' 6, Macquarie Fields 1, Chester Hill 0, St Joseph Banks 5.

ROUND 1

Birrong Boys 7, Bass 1, Chester Hill 0, East Hills Boys' 2, Picnic Point 1, Punchbowl Boys' 8, Sefton 0, Miller 8, Ashcroft 2, Bonnyrigg 6, James Meehan 1.

Airds 3, Picton 1, Elderslie 5, Camden 0, Condell Park 1, Bankstown Boys' 4, Westfields 5, Fairvale 1, Moorebank St Johns Park 7, Campbelltown 2, Casula/Fairfield 9, Macquarie Fields 6, Ingleburn 1, Hurlstone Ag. 0, Leumeah 4, Liverpool Boys' 2, Cabramatta 4.

ROUND 2

Birrong Boys 3, East Hills Boys' 1, Punchbowl Boys' 6, Miller 0, Bonnyrigg 3, James Meehan 2, Airds 1, Elderslie 6, Bankstown Boys' 1, Sir Josephs Bank 3, Westfields 0, Moorebank/St John Park 2, Casula/Fairfield 3, Macquarie Fields 0, Leumeah 0, Cabramatta 3.

MET NORTH

ROUND 1

Riverside 0, Malvena 5.

SOUTH COAST

ROUND 1

Warrawong 1, Kanahooka 0, Lake Illawarra 2, Port Kembla 1, Oak Flats 4, Marilla 1, Dapto 6, Kiama 1, Moruya 3, Bega 1, Ulladulla 1, Boarderry 8, Nowra 1, Shoalhaven 2, Eden 3, Narooma 2, Figtree 1, Woonona 0, Smith's Hill 2, Wollongong 1, Beverley 1, Keira 3, Corralia 1, Bulli 0, Moss Vale 0, Mulwaree 5, Goulburn 1, Monaro forceit, Queenbeyan 3, Karabar 1.

ROUND 2

Warrawong 0, Lake Illawarra 1, Oak Flats 2*, Dapto 2, Moruya 1, Bomaderry 6, Shoalhaven 0, Eden 1, Figtree 9, Smith Hill 2, Bowral 1, Mulwaree 3, Goulburn 2, Queenbeyan 1.

ROUND 3

Bomaderry 4, Eden 0, Mulwaree 2, Goulburn 4.

ROUND 1

Kanahooka 5, Warrawong 0, Oak Flats 4, Warilla 2, Bowral 1, Mulwaree 3.

ROUND 2

Woonona 12, Smiths Hill 0, Keira 0, Bulli 2, Kanahooka 3, Lake Illawarra 0, Oak Flats 2, Dapto 0, Moruya 0, Ulladulla 7, Shoalhaven 0, Bomaderry 5, Mulwaree 1, Moss Vale 3, Goulburn 5, Queenbeyan 1.

ROUND 3

Woonona 5, Bulli 3, Kanahooka 2, Oak Flats 0, Ulladulla 0, Bomaderry 3, Moss Vale 0, Goulburn 3.

HUNTER REGION

ROUND 2

Forster 2, Nelson Bay 1, Toronto 3, Kurri Kurri 1, Morisset 0, West Wallsend 5, Booragul 2, Kotara 2*, Waratah 2, Raymond Terrace 1, Cardiff 2, Swansea 1, Cessnock 5, Scone 0, Muswellbrook 0, Singleton 3, Dungog 0, Francis Greenway 5, Merewether 5, Maitland 0, Rutherford 0, Glendale 3, Newcastle 2*, Warners Bay 2, Broadmeadow 0, Whitebridge 7.

ROUND 1

Merewether 1, Newcastle 0, Waratah 0, Toronto 18, Booragul 2, Morisset 0, Belmont 0, Swansea 2, Forster 4, Nelson Bay 2, Scone 2, Rutherford 4.

ROUND 2

Warners Bay 5, Jesmond 0, Toronto 3, Maitland 1, Booragul 9, Wallsend 0, Glendale 3, Cardiff 5, Ray T 1, W. Wallsend 2.

WEST REGION

ROUND 1

Warren 4, Nyngan 1, Narromine 0, Dubbo 5, Kandos 0, Parkes 3, Orange 0, Forbes 2, Molong 0, Canowindra 2, Canobolin 0, Canobolas 6, Blayney 2, Oberon 1, Bathurst 5, Young 0, Kelso 1*, Lithgow 1, Dubbo Smith 6, Delroy 0, Peak Hill 0, Wellington 4.

ROUND 2

Dubbo 12, Bourke 0, Parkes 2, Forbes 1, West Wyalong 1, Blayney 7, Bathurst 1*, Kelso 1, Mudgee 4, Dubbo South 7, Gulgong 0, Wellington 5.

ROUND 3

Warren 3, Dubbo 14, Parkes 0, Canobolas 4, Blayney 0, Bathurst 3, Dubbo South 2, Wellington 5.

ROUND 4

Dubbo 6, Canobolas 0, Bathurst 3, Wellington 2.

ROUND 5

Dubbo 3, Bathurst 0.

ROUND 1

Canobolas 8, Candobdin 0, Kelso 3, Oberon 0.

ROUND 2

Bathurst 2, Blayney 0, Canobolas 2, Wellington 1, Lithgow 0, Kelso 1, Cowra 0, Dubbo 6, Forbes 0, Young 2, Molong 2, Orange 1.

ROUND 3

Bathurst 4, Canobolas 1, Gulgong 3, Nyngan 2, Kelso 2, Dubbo 0, Young 3, Molong 2.

ROUND 4

Bathurst 1, Kelso 1.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 11 (Mondays)

DIVISION 1

		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Blacktown City	vs Apia	3-1	0-1	0-1	1-0
Illawarra	vs Gladesville	5-0	3-1	2-2	0-1
Melita	vs Syd Olympic	0-2	1-2	2-1	0-3
Nepean	vs Canterbury	2-1	3-0	2-1	1-4
Marconi	vs St George	1-0	5-1	2-1	0-0

DIVISION 2

		5-1	6-0	1-4	0-2
Granville	vs Macarthur				
Nth Bankstown	vs Avala	0-1	3-0	2-3	1-1
Sutherland	vs Manly	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-2
Ku-ring-gai	vs Sydney City	2-1	1-0	0-1	2-2
Sth Dists	vs Central Coast	2-0	0-2	1-0	1-1

DIVISION 3

		4-0	5-0	1-2	2-1
Canterbury	vs Yugal				
Campbelltown	vs Blacktown	—	1-2	1-1	1-2
Bankstown	vs Rockdale	1-0	0-2	1-1	0-0
Polonia	vs Auburn	2-1	5-1	1-5	0-1

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Applications close 8pm Tuesday, June 17, 1986.

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

ROUND 12

DIVISION 1

		U/13	U/14	U/15	U/16
Gladesville	vs Blacktown	2-6	0-1	2-2	2-0
Illawarra	vs Syd Olympic	1-1	0-1	0-3	0-2
Canterbury	vs Melita	1-2	0-1	0-2	2-1
Marconi	vs Nepean	2-0	6-0	0-1	2-0
St George	vs Apia	4-1	0-2	0-0	1-3

DIVISION 2

		0-7	1-1	3-0	3-1
Avala	vs Granville				
Manly	vs Nth Bankstown	5-0	1-1	2-0	0-1
Syd City	vs Sutherland	1-1	3-0	2-2	2-2
Sth Dists	vs Ku-ring-gai	2-0	2-1	2-1	2-0
Central Coast	vs Macarthur	1-2	3-0	2-0	1-3

DIVISION 3

		2-6	1-1	0-0	2-0
Blacktown	vs Canterbury				
Rockdale	vs Campbelltown	9-0	1-2	5-0	0-1
Polonia	vs Bankstown	3-0	2-0	2-1	2-0
Auburn	vs Syd Croatia	1-3	1-5	1-0	1-3

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COMPETITION GROWS

OUT in the ACT the Oak "Bill Turner Cup" has made pleasing progress this season.

In 1985, nine schools entered the competition where Canberra High emerged as the ultimate winner when they defeated Glendale 1-0 in the final held at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

Thanks to the interest generated by the Canberra success, no less than six additional schools have entered for the 1986 competition.

ACT Sports Administrator Peter Weddell is doing a fine job co-ordinating the series.

SOUTH COAST BOILOVERS

ONE of the new entries into this year Oak "Bill Turner Cup" on the South Coast has caused two real upsets.

The team is Smith's Hill High. In the first round they defeated Bulli by seven penalties to six after the teams had been locked together one goal all.

Next up they did a repeat performance to toss last year's area semifinalists Edmund Rice High 1-6p to 1-5p in a cliff hanger.

Port Kembla ran away from the more fancied Berkeley in an unexpected result. Warrawong should be hard to beat while Corrimal, Keira and Woonona always provide top sides. Bomaderry and Kanahooka have produced far better sides than had been expected.

OAK-BILL TURNER CUP

ROUND 3

Cromer 6 Pittwater Grammer 0, Balgowlah Boys' 5 Beacon Hills 0, Normanshurst 1 St Leo's 0, Killarney Heights 1 (pen. 4 Crows Nest 3 pen.)

DIVISION 2

Holroyd 2 goals Mitchell 1.

DIVISION 3

Riverstone 6 defeated Bidwill 1.

DIVISION 4

Fairfield Pat. Bros. 3 goals 6 pen. defeated Westfield 3 goals 5 pen. Cabramatta 2 Granville Boys' 1.

DIVISION 6

Ashfield 4 Marrickville 0, Randwick 4 St Andrews 0.

NEWCASTLE HUNTER

ROUND ONE A

Warners Bay 1 d Raymond Terrace 0, Belmont 8 d Rutherford 2, Merewether 5 d Waratah 2, Cardiff 6 d St Marys, Gateshead 0.

ROUND ONE B

Jesmond 3 d Swansea 0, St Pius X, Adamstown 2 d Irawang 0, Booragul 5 d West Wallsend 3.



NORTH BANKSTOWN's Under 15 Youth League squad.

PROGRESSIVELY SUCCESSFUL

SUCCESS for North Bankstown Under 16 Youth League side has not come easily.

Wooden Spooners in 1983, the team has progressed to under 15 Runners Up in 1985 and this year are again holding a good position.

This season 9 players have played grade and their coach Bob Hidson has contributed immensely to their development under his guidance.

Ten members of last year's successful under 15 side are still playing this year and of the two boys missing one is playing with NSL Club St George and the other 3rd Grade.

First grade coach Dennis Madden said the success of the side was good coaching, team spirit and the will to win for their club.

"This side has proved good teams needn't always be poached. "I am confident we will see all these lads in grade ranks in years to come, some even higher than North Bankstown."

The majority of the players are Bankstown Juniors and the four new boys added to the squad this season live locally as well.

It is good to see the Youth League being used for the right reasons.

SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND REP SQUADS

ROUND ONE C

Cessnock 3 d Mountview 0, Whitebridge 9 d Nelson Bay 0, St Peters, Maitland 4 d St Pauls, Booragul 1, Scone 3 d Muswellbrook 0, Broadmeadow 1 d Wallsend 0.

South West Queensland Junior Soccer Council administrators last month selected their four squads for the State Championships to be held in June. Below ASW presents a pictorial tribute to the cream of South West Queensland's junior talent.



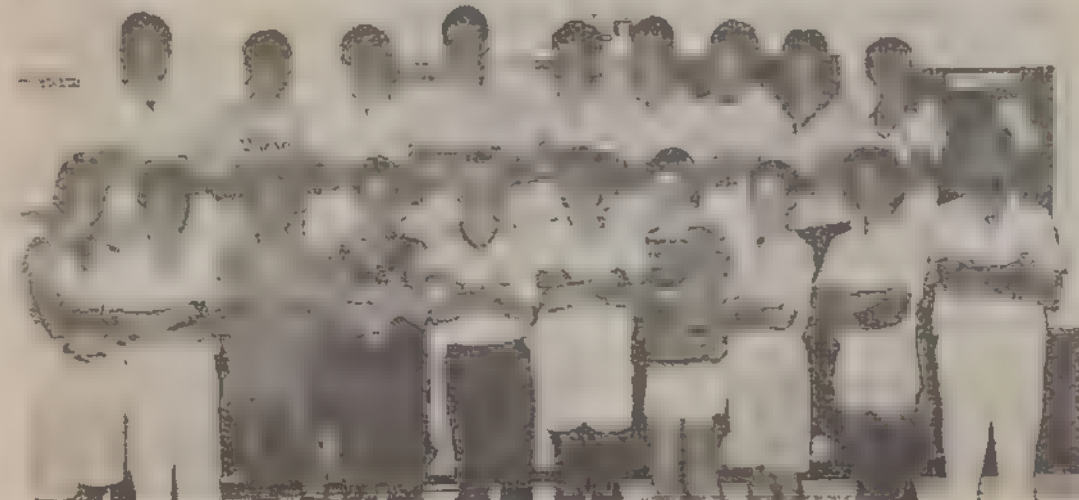
SOUTH WEST QLD UNDER 12 ZONE SQUAD

Back row from left: Gary Debnam (manager), Nathan Gordon, Faran Gouldson, Anthony Cotton, Luke Tanks, Steve Ferguson, Jamie Pontin, Andrew Walters, Eric McLellan (coach).
Front row from left: Neil Bower, Paul Moore, Brett Fraser, Shane Schnitzlerling, Daniel Remetta, Dean Padget, Fraser Kahler, and Mathew Doorlan.



SOUTH WEST QLD UNDER 13 ZONE SQUAD

Back row from left: Joe Will (manager) Kane Kelso, Stephen Willmot, Brian Brackin, Ashley Wilks, Mark Longhurst, Paul Stanton, Craig McConnell, Anthony Briskey, Scott Lowe, Derek Smith (coach).
Front row from left: Shane Will, Paul Stronge, Kent Bird, Jamie Pengilly, Scott Berry, Brett Gilbert, and Chris Walker.
Absent from photo Mark Allara, Darcy Rawlings, Mark Isa.



SOUTH WEST QLD UNDER 14 ZONE SQUAD

Back row from left: Cliff McHahon (manager), Paul Able, Warren Green, Stephen Mattiazzi, Carl Rayner, James Barry, Joshua Bird, Richard Laherty, Nigel Dunn, Bob Mann (coach).
Front row from left: Jeff Philp, Darren Fraser, Stephen Kennedy, Michael Short, Ashley Child, Bradley Grutt, Kim McMahon, and Jason Mantel. Absent from photo Tom Knox, Paul Trace and Dieter Servatius.



SOUTH WEST QLD UNDER 15 ZONE SQUAD

Back row from left: Greg Dorge (coach), Andy Servatius, Ben Heaton, Paul Knobloch, Anthony Fisher, Shane Biber, Colin Harvey, Bradley Dorge, Shane Mantel.
Front row from left: Damien Harrington, Ken Duncan, Courtney Olm, Jesse Herbertson, Shaun O'Reilly, Mathew Debnam, Scott Kerr, Shane Dillon, Gavin Freier, and Gary Whalan (manager).



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ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

THEY call it "the tall red wall" down south as the Wollongong Macedonia defence completed six games without conceding a goal in the State League when they beat Melita 1-0.

Coach John Bingham has his defence well organised "and doesn't go into a panic when he loses a player through injury.

On the eve of the Melita game, experienced central defender Chris Talevski pulled out with a leg injury.

Bingham was able to call up Beau Muzik and the talented youngster slotted straight into the side.

Opposing coaches are finding it difficult to

clearly define Bingham's defensive make-up but the Macedonia coach has worked hard on perfecting the system.

The amazing thing about the Melita game was that Macedonia absorbed tremendous pressure without Melita being able to set up one clear-cut scoring chance in 90 minutes.

In contrast Macedonia broke out of defence three times in the second half and could easily have scored each time.

TARRAWANNA coach Gary Masters deserves a lot of credit for the job he is doing this season after announcing last year he wasn't taking the job again.

Fortunately for the club he changed his mind and the side is in the thick of the semi-final race.

Goalkeeper David Curley, formerly with the Wollongong City youth side, is back at his best while Craig Warburton, who started the season with Fairy Meadow in the Ampol Cup, is doing well in midfield.

Illawarra winger Claude Cellini impressed in the representative match against ACT in Canberra before hitting home a goal in Tarrawanna's surprise 3-1 win over Aris two days later

(holiday Monday).

WEST-FIGTREE had their sixth red card in first grade this season when they had striker John Clare sent off in the game against Port Kembla.

The spate of send-offs has the club committee worried as Figtree have never had this trouble in past seasons.

"We have always had a physical side but there have been hardly any send-offs since the club went into premier league," coach Luke Robaard said.

"The committee have even appealed to players to try to contain themselves in tricky situations but it hasn't worked."

Despite the Clare send-off Figtree proved too strong for the disappointing Port Kembla and won 4-2 after being level at 2-2.

HE's not saying how old he is but Albion Park striker Don McLeod is still banging home goals.

McLeod is best known for his days as a leading scorer with Berkeley in premier league and has played with a number of clubs.

He must be fast approaching 40 but this didn't stop him scoring twice in Albion Park's 2-1 win over second division leaders Mittagong All-Stars.

The win has thrown the premierships wide open and Albion Park are relying on their veteran striker to get the goals that could give them their first major success since they went into the Illawarra competition.

UNANDERRA aren't having a great season since being included in the premier league but their cup form is impressive.

Their senior and youth team are in the last eight of the knock-out series this season.

Coached by Alex Fleming, the senior side are drawn to play the strong Bulli outfit on June 29 at Elizabeth Park for a spot in the Bampton Cup semi-final.

The other quarter-final games will be Fernhill v Cringila, Oak Flats v Mittagong All-stars and Aris v Lysaght.

The youth cup draw is: Unanderra v Cringila, Warilla Wanderers v Port Kembla, Balgownie v Fernhill and Tarrawanna v Bellambi.

AS if Fairy Meadow haven't got enough problems, midfielder Jamie Dummett has left the club for an overseas holiday.

Fairy Meadow have only a shadow of the side which did so well in their State League debut last season and must surely be relegated.

Coach Mike Johnson has been plagued by injuries to key players and one big handicap has been the loss of central defender Paul Jones to the NSW Police Force.

Jones was outstanding last season but has been at the Police College in Goulburn this year and unable to play.

The side have lost some of their games by a single goal and Johnson feels Jones would have made the difference in these results.

South Australia

WITH TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY is stockpiling its cash for an onslaught on the transfer market at the end of the season.

Coach Zoran Matic is confident he can keep his current squad in the top seven of the Southern League.

"We are in third place and I can't see us dropping out of the seven," said Matic, after his team sunk local rivals Hellas 3-1.

"Our squad is thin at the moment, but we won't be buying until the end of the season.

"With 10 teams having to drop out of the Southern and Northern Leagues there will be plenty of players on the market.

"No one will want to move back into local competitions, and it should be a buyer's market."

Although he would not elaborate, we understand Matic has already listed possible players who will be up for transfer.

"We are steadily getting on top of our financial problems, and we should be able to look at buying players," said Matic who bought back Paul Shillabeer from local league club Beograd and also Gary Higgins, another defender, from

Salisbury.

The only other City signing was another "cheapie" in Paul Wilde, a forward from another local league side, Azzurri.

Teddy Maybank, an Englishman who quit while playing for Eindhoven in Holland following a knee operation, made a brief appearance for City.

He was signed when he made a comeback, but last week it was announced he was "no longer with us" following another injury.

And City has been battling on minus mid-field strongman Brian Northcote, who has had two operations and won't be back until next season — and then he will have a suspect ankle.

Two South Americans who trained with City were rejected because they were holiday visa

players, and Matic is adamant he will not field guest players, no matter who they are.

Ironically he could be looking at some Hellas

players for next season.

City's local rivals are struggling to get into the top seven, even after the purchase of Socceroo

defenders Robbie Dunn and Charlie Yankos, then striker Gary Ward from Melbourne Croatia six weeks ago.

Their one import, Scotsman Brian McLaughlin, formerly with Celtic and Falkirk, is leaving to return to the UK this week with his wife and family.

He felt he was not fitting in with the plans of new coach Edmund Kreft, formerly with City, after being placed on the bench.

Hellas may still have an ace up their sleeve.

They are negotiating with another player, but are not prepared to name him or say where he is currently based.

Word is they will be able to make a move once they have seen McLaughlin back to Scotland.

Time is running out for the 1978 champions, as apart from getting

their act together with a new formation, they are now under a new coach.

If the team looks like staying in the nether regions of the league there could be rumblings from Dunn and Yankos, fighting to retain their places in the Socceroo squad.

They moved to Adelaide expecting to be part of a high-flying team.

While it was City who helped out Hellas in its present plight, president Mr Charlie Caruso has publicly said he hopes Hellas climbs up the table.

"We need two strong teams in the national competition for Adelaide fans," he said.

"Our clubs were original members, and I hope Hellas will be there with us next season."

Hellas fans say Amen to that.



ROBBIE DUNN

LAUNCESTON JUVENTUS SOCCER CLUB

AFTER the shock resignation of their long-serving player-coach, Peter Savill, early in the season, Juventus are proving their worth with solid performances in their opening league matches.

This can be attributed to the team-building over the past few seasons, espe-

cially persisting with promoting their crop of youth players and buying

shrewdly overseas.

Youngsters, such as Mies, Rossi, Gale and Guliotti, have been complimented by more experienced players in Leighton Hodge and Hemsley. Ernie Guest's brother, Colin, has added bite to

the forward line and Dominic Fraraccio has done likewise to the mid-field.

Juventus will worry most teams in the competition this year; and hope to recapture some of their past glory.

Club information:
Name: Launceston Juventus S.C. Ph. 003 44 7332.

Nickname: Juve.
President: Ross Wesson.
Coach: Leighton Hodge.

Year formed: 1958.

Colours: Black and white striped shirts, black shorts, black socks.

Ground: A.I.C., Prospect.

Honours (Recently): Northern League Premiers: 1959, 60, 61, 63, 65, 66, 69, 70, 72, 73, 75, 77, State League Premiers: 1961, 63, Ampol Cup: 1966, 76, Cadbury Cup: 1979, Night Series Cup: 1981, Honeychurch Cup: 1985.

1985 League results: P W D L F A Pts Posn. 18 9 4 5 31 25 22 5th

AFTER recent successful seasons in the local competition, Matric were promoted into the Northern State League.

They struggled in their first season, but were determined to consolidate their place and build for the future.

They signed Peter Davidson from Georgetown and he took over the reigns as coach enthusiastically.

After a promising start to the season, things began to go wrong.

Steve Barrett, their only successful striker, transferred to local league team White Eagles, and this left a hole in their goalscoring department, a position not yet filled.

However, the 'Stu-

dents', as they have done in previous years, will battle on and worry a few of their opponents as the season progresses.

Club information:

Name: Launceston Matric S.C. Ph 003 313 815

Nickname: The Students

President: Mike Vedovelli

Coach: Peter Davidson

Year formed: 1967

Colours: Sky blue shirts, shorts, socks

Ground: Ogilvie Park

Honours (Recently): Northern League Premiers: 1983, 1985 League results (after being promoted into the Northern State League in 1984).

P W D L F A Pts Posn. 18 3 2 13 12 39 8 8th.

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STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

"ROCKDALE ROCK SOLID"

THE ingredients of Rockdale Ilinden's classy skill and Kur-ring-gai's rigorous defence brought an equalron of 0-0 match of the round at the Parklands Oval.

In an entertaining match, the speed and flair of Rockdale winners Jim Ristevski and Tony Genovese and midfielder Zlatko Nastovski were ably countered by the rock-solid Kur-ring-gai defence where Leigh Watson and Terry Bertram stood out.

Rockdale always looked more likely to score but were denied on several occasions by Kur-ring-gai keeper Andrew Lacey, who pulled off excellent saves in the 9th, 15th and 82nd minutes.

Up front Kur-ring-gai were allowed no room by the Rockdale defence and the rare moments of danger came from midfielders Neale Williamson and Lee Sutherland.

BY STEVE SHELDON

keeper Carlos Rossano.

Right on half time, Macedonia saw an even better chance go begging when Rossano again blocked a crack by Robinson and the follow-up shot by Phil Muhlbauer was cleared off the line by an Auburn defender.

In the second half, Auburn started to play more confidently and almost stole the lead in the 60th minute when a mix-up in the Macedonia defence allowed Calcaterra to shoot with only keeper Geoff Robinson to beat, but his shot went wide.

Barry Robinson and George Todorovski stood out for Macedonia while midfielder Gench was the pick of the Auburn players.

MELITA 4
PENRITH 0

A hat-trick by Melita striker Warren Dalton helped his side sink a plucky Penrith City 4-1 at Cook Park.

Dalton scored his first goal in the 15th min after a free kick by Ray Farrugia and found the net again in the 41st

minute.

Penrith never stopped trying and pulled a goal back 15 mins after the break when a Craig Thompson cross was met by the head of Don Campbell.

But any hopes Penrith may have had for a shock result vanished when Dalton and then Wayne Farnsworth capitalised on errors in the Penrith defence to put the result beyond doubt.

Dalton and midfielder Howard Tredennick starred for Melita while goalkeeper Daryl Edwards — who saved a first half penalty — stood out for Penrith.

MANLY 2
FAIRY MEADOW 0

MANLY found the net twice and were denied by the post on two other occasions when they cruised to a comfortable 2-0 win over Fairy Meadow at Cromer Park.

From the start Manly never looked like losing and they finally hit the lead in the 30th minute when midfielder Jimmy Campbell ran on to a pass by Paul Marshall, rounded keeper Krajnovic and stuck the ball

away.

Fairy Meadow began the second half strongly and looked dangerous until in the 70th min Manly's veteran striker, Don Allan, received a pass from Doug MacIntosh and slid the ball past the hapless keeper.

Fifteen minutes later, Allan should have scored again when he attempted to dribble the keeper but was denied when Krajnovic dived brilliantly at his feet.

Manly's best players were Campbell and full-back Gary Van Egmont while midfielder Paul Kirwan stood out for Fairy Meadow.

SUTHERLAND 2
WARRINGAH 0

SUTHERLAND Shire overpowered Warringah 2-0 after the visitors had two players sent off in the second half by referee Roger Donau at Seymour Shaw Park.

The first half was fairly even with goalscoring chances falling to both teams, the best of which went to Warringah's Dominic Gannon.

However, after the break it was a different story.

Sutherland broke the deadlock with a goal in the 50th min by Scott Hughes following a cross from the left by Bruce Johnson and went further ahead five minutes later when Hughes converted a penalty after a Warringah player had handled in the box.

Mick Berry disputed the referee's decision and was sent from the field and Jim Bottalico soon followed him after the referee pulled him up for a violent tackle.

This gave Warringah 30 mins to struggle with nine men and they fought desperately to keep the locals from adding to their score.

Sutherland sweeper, Peter Terry and Warringah forward Martin Driene were the pick of the players.

POLONIA 4
AVALA 0

POLONIA scored three surprise second half goals, two of them from Adnrej Pop, in their 4-0 win over visitors Avala at Chopin Park.

Avala had a few chances in the first half but were denied by some outstanding goalkeeping by Polonia's Stephen Anderson.

Polonia scored first with a 35th min penalty by Jurek Drys and went further ahead five minutes after the break through Stefan Janic.

Avala never stopped trying and were unlucky to see a scorching drive by Ross Brown pushed around the post by Anderson when a goal seemed certain.

Pop added the final touches with two goals in the last 10 minutes, including a spectacular volley in the 80th min, and was the outstanding player on the park.

State League

Western Suburbs 1
Northcote City 1
Croydon City 1
Morewell Falcons 2
Caulfield 3 Maribyrnong 2
Springvale City 1
Fawkner 0
St Albans 0 Melbourne 3
Thomastown 1 Box Hill 1
Ringwood City 3
Frankston Pines 1

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Penrith City v Melita Eagles.....	1-4	2-2	2-2
Uruguayan Auburn v Wollongong Mac.....	0-0	4-3	4-1
Manly Warringah v Fairy Meadow.....	2-0	0-3	5-0
Sutherland Shire v Warringah F/Water.....	2-0	0-0	6-0
Kur-ring-gai v Rockdale Ilinden.....	0-0	2-0	1-2
Polonia v Avala.....	4-0	0-2	0-1

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	Art for
Canterbury & Dist v Artarmon.....	1-1	0-4	Art for
Bankstown Lebanon v Gladesville Hornsby.....	1-3	0-8	1-6
Dee Why Swans v Queens Park.....	0-1	0-4	1-5
Blacktown United v SSC Yugal.....	2-3	3-1	3-0
Kingsford Hellenic v Campbelltown City.....	1-0	1-0	0-0
Bathurst '75 v Nth Bankstown.....	1-1	3-1	0-1

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	Uni for
Campbelltown Gunners v Uni of NSW.....	1-0	3-0	Uni for
Mt Druitt Town v King Tomislav.....	3-1	3-3	1-1
Nth Ryde RSL v Port Hacking.....	1-0	4-2	2-1
Granville Chile v West United.....	2-1	1-1	1-3
Bondi Marine v Baulkham Hills.....	3-1	1-1	1-2
Moorebank L'pool v Rooty Hill.....	1-1	3-2	0-1

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Fairfield Kiev v West St George.....	2-7	1-5
Chelsea v Padstow Park.....	2-1	2-6
Nineveh Eagles v Sydney Uni.....	2-6	1-1
Concordia v Spanish Club.....	3-1	0-2

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Chile Sports v Dulwich Hill.....	1-3	1-3
Macquarie Uni v Hawkesbury Dist.....	1-0	0-0
Transandinos Sports v Wentworth Waratah.....	1-1	2-3
Pagewood v Hurstville Zagreb.....	2-0	4-1
Maroubra United v Liverpool City.....	1-1	1-0
Green Valley United v Rosebery.....	4-4	0-4

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Greenisland v Petersham Lusitanos.....	3-2	5-1
Haberfields B/D's v Robins.....	2-0	1-2
Rangers Hadjuk v Welcome Sports.....	4-6	2-0
Colo Colo v Blacktown Wands.....	2-2	3-0
Chullora v Sydney Maccabi.....	1-2	1-6
Concord Juniors v Lansvale.....	1-1	2-1

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Columbian v Abruzzi.....	2-6	1-8
Murray Farm Rangers v Cyprus United.....	0-0	3-1
Luddenham Croatia v Castle Hill.....	1-5	2-1
Crescent Star v Jedinstvo United.....	7-1	6-1
Macedonia Yagoona v Lithgow Workmens.....	0-3	0-1

INTER URBAN FIFTH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Santiago Wanderers v Calabna.....	1-2	0-6
Arncliffe RSL v Cobleloa.....	5-1	2-3
Macedonia Eagles v Orange Waratah.....	1-13	0-1
Hellas Poseidon v North Rocks.....	2-1	1-3

SA State League

Lion 0 Azzurri 3
Salisbury 0 Beograd 1
Modbury 3 Polonia 3
Croatia 0 Elizabeth 0
Hellas 3 Birkalla 1
Campbelltown 1 Para Hills 1
Croatia 13 8 4 - 11 24
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Campbelltown 13 7 5 -
11 24 13 19
Hellas 13 7 4 - 2 25 11
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Salisbury 13 5 6 - 2 19
12 16
Beograd 13 6 2 - 4 21
18 15
Azzurri 13 6 2 - 5 22
18 14
Polonia 13 5 3 - 5 18
17 13
Lion 13 3 4 - 6 18 28 10
Para 13 3 3 - 17 18 22 9
Birkalla 13 3 2 - 8 11
24 8
Modbury 13 3 2 - 8 17
30 8
Elizabeth 13 2 2 - 9 9
24 6

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STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Blacktown United vs Queens Park Francis Park

STATE LEAGUE 3rd DIVISION

Mt Druitt Town vs Camp'town Gunners Bensley Road
Bondi Marine vs Port Hacking Waverley Oval
West United vs Uni of NSW Harold Read Res

SUNDAY 22nd JUNE

STATE LEAGUE 1st DIVISION

Uruguayan Auburn vs Melita Eagles Mona Park
Manly Warringah vs Wollongong Mac. Cromer Park
Sutherland vs Fairy Meadow Seymour Shaw Pk
Rockdale Ilinden vs Warringah F/Water Hurstville Oval
Polonia vs Ku-ring-gai Chopin Park
Avala vs Penrith City Knight Park

STATE LEAGUE 2nd DIVISION

Cant. & Dist. vs Kingsford Hellenic Blick Oval
Bankstown Lebanon vs Campbelltown City Jensen Oval
Bathurst '75 vs Gl'ville Hornsby Proctor Park
Dee Why vs North Bankstown Dee Why Oval
SSC Yugal vs Artarmon T.B.A.

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Moorebank L'pool vs Baulkham Hills Hammondville Oval
Granville Chile vs Rooty Hill Garside Park

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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

VIOLENT PLAY IS GOING OUT!

A MAJOR crackdown on violent play in Queensland Soccer is expected to be stepped up following two horrifying incidents, one which left a brilliant youngster unconscious for more than three hours.

The Queensland Soccer Federation, through the Referees' Federation, has attempted to stamp out violent conduct in the local game but now stricter measures are expected to be taken.

Referees have even publically called for tougher suspensions for players dismissed on violent conduct charges.

The matter came to a head last week when Dale Dawes, a member of Queensland's 1985 national youth championship-winning team, was rushed to hospital unconscious after an incident in a XXXX League Reserve match against Ipswich United.

Dawes did not regain consciousness for three hours and underwent brain scans and specialist observation.

And on the same weekend, Mount Gra-

vatt's dual Rothman's medal winner Ken Swan was felled by an alleged elbow to the nose. It was the second time in eight days his nose has been broken.

No-one was sent-off in the Swan incident but three players two from Ipswich and one from Taringa, got their marching orders after a wild melee broke out when Dawes went down.

And the alarming aspect of both incidents is that club officials afterwards were discussing the possibility of civil legal action over the incidents.

QSF secretary Alan Vessey said he could not recall an on-field incident ever being taken to the courts. And it certainly is not an avenue some Queensland Soccer officials are keen to see opened up.

In the meantime

others have maintained referees alone cannot stop violence on their own and calls have been made for club officials to act.

Mt Gravatt president Mr Paul Lonten is one campaigning the responsible course of action.

"We can no longer go on in this manner. If club officials see this type of behaviour then it is up to them to get the player off the park before he destroys another's career," Lonten said.

"It is high time clubs began imposing severe suspensions on their

own players, on top of these handed out by the disciplinary.

"It could be tough in some cases and may cost a club a win or two. But what price can be put on a young player's life? When you hear of incidents like the Dale Dawes episode, it is easy to see how a serious injury or a death could easily occur.

"It's up to coaches and club officials to act. And if anyone can stand by and watch this kind of behaviour without acting, then I question their entire reasons for being in the game," he said.

COOPER IS A 'TARGET-MAN'

BRISBANE CITY's Irish import Kieran Cooper could be a target for other clubs at the end of this season following his brilliant effort against NSW recently.

Cooper was on hand to put away Queensland's goal but his contribution was much more. He continually baffled the NSW defence with his quick turns and delicate skills.

Cooper has been a star in the City team since being signed from League of Ireland club Bray Wanderers earlier this year. But on many occasions he has been a lone warrior at Spencer Park.

Many predicted he would be a sensation alongside better company in the Queensland team, and they were not disappointed.

Among those watching Cooper were Lions officials, who certainly have not hidden their admiration for City's signing.

"We recognise he is a good player, but we also recognise he is a contract player and we won't be approaching him this season," Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.

But Lions have revealed they are negotiating with an Irish player themselves. It is understood he is a prolific scorer with Colaraine. The deal is expected to be finalised within weeks.

LIONS GET IRISHMAN

BRISBANE LIONS has signed yet another overseas import as the club attempts to force its way into the top five and clinch a place in next year's national competition.

The new acquisition is 24-year-old Irishman David Richardson, who had an impressive season with Colaraine netting 26 First Division and Cup goals.

Richardson is expected to arrive in Brisbane this week and will be Lions' third visa player this season. Earlier this year the club signed St Johnstone pair Jim Morton and Frank Liddell, of course who was previously in Queensland with Brisbane City.

If Richardson is of the standard of the other two imports, Lions will

have recruited extremely well this season. Morton and Liddell have been outstanding for Lions and were key players in Queensland's recent 1-0 win over New South Wales.

In importing an Irishman, Lions joined a growing trend in Queensland. Brisbane City unearthed a gem when it signed League of Ireland striker Kieran Cooper while local Intermediate League club Acacia Ridge have found a goal-scoring machine in Irishman Roy Smythe.

It was in fact Smythe who recommended Richardson to Lions. Lions had in fact chased Smythe, along with Heidelberg and Perth Dalmatinac, but have been delighted to learn Smythe rates Richardson a much better player than himself.

Lions also ran a check on Richardson with the Irish Professional Footballers' Association and a representative told them: "He's notorious

for his goal-scoring".

Although Lions first and reserve teams squads are bristling with strikers, the club's goalscoring form has not been good.

"Our build-ups are good but we just don't seem to be able to put the ball away with the final kick. We have been told Richardson is a bit of a goal sneak and maybe that's what we need," Lions secretary Mr Lawrence Oudendyk said.

And if any of Lions' current first teamers may be alarmed that they could lose their place when Richardson arrives they can take heart with Oudendyk's further comments.

"We are approaching the crucial stage of the season where everyone has to start winning matches or they are not going to make the cut. It's going to be a matter of scoring as many goals as we can and I wouldn't be surprised if Col Bennett (the Lions coach) played four strikers."

CUT-THROAT COMP

QUEENSLAND's Intermediate League — the competition one below the state's premier XXXX League — is proving to be a cut-throat competition.

The battle for the one promotion place to the XXXX League and the fight to avoid the two bottom places which mean a drop to the amateurs is proving to be one of the highlights of the Queensland season.

And the possibility of an extra promotion place is making the competition even more intense.

Although the QSF has made no official announcement, the uncertainty over the composition of the national competition next year could have snowballing effects within Queensland Soccer, particularly if only one of the state's two NSL clubs is axed.

The Queensland XXXX League is currently of 10 teams, with two places permanently reserved for the two NSL clubs should they ever return. If City comes back next year that will make 11 clubs in the top competition, and QSF policy is very much against a bye in premier league.

That means either the relegated XXXX League club will stay up, or alternatively, and this

is what if firing up some Intermediate League sides, two will come up.

Picking those two teams at this stage of the season would be a lottery. Last week only three points separate the top six sides. Redlands and Brisbane City were setting the pace, but close in attendance were Rochdale, Mitchelton, Acacia Ridge and Valley Trident. And Croatian backed club Sunny-side were staging a mid-season revival and looked a club to watch.

At the other end of the table, Pine Rivers, Annerley and Newmarket were battling to give each other the wooden spoon.

The closeness of the competition is even reflected in the goal difference. Last week three teams had scored 13 and conceded 8. Another had scored 14 and conceded eight while yet another had scored 13 and conceded seven.

So while the clubs are grim in battle, smiling away is the QSF restructuring committee which hoped for this kind of football when it re-arranged the leagues three years ago.



FRANK LIDDELL

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP FINALE

THE two teams to contest the President's Cup will be decided this weekend.

In the past the trophy has automatically gone to the side leading the competition at the end of the first round. But to add more interest, the QS has changed the rules and now the leading two teams after the first round will clash in a special and separate mid-week game to decide the silverware.

East and North Star have been the pacesetters in the early weeks of the season and deserve to be the two sides to meet at Perry Park on July 3. But any falter in the final round of first round fixtures this weekend could see another team grab the limelight.

On paper, North Star have the toughest fixtures this weekend when they travel to Bundamba to play improving Coalstars. Easts on the other hand are at home to lowly Wynnum.

Other fixtures this weekend see Lions host Taringa, Grange Thistle meet Ipswich United and Mt Gravatt go to

Olympic United.

The depth of all clubs is being tested at the moment as they wade through what has been a hectic month of matches.

The new format of the Ampol Cup has meant most clubs have played to games a week for the past three weeks, some have had three games in eight days.

And there is no respite for those clubs which have been successful. The Ampol Cup quarter-finals will be drawn this week and for a club like North Star, that could mean three games in the week of the President's Cup.

But North Star player-coach Iain Fagan isn't complaining: "It's better than training", he said.

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TONY IS OK

I am writing this letter in reference to a letter published in the June 3 copy of ASW.

In that letter J Petrow criticises Tony Raciti about his articles on Junior Soccer.

Firstly let me point out that I have never met Tony Raciti and that I have a son playing Youth League, not with APLA.

I feel that ever since Mr Raciti began writing for ASW he has pointed out to the public some home truths about what is going wrong in Junior Soccer in this State.

Mr Raciti's criticism of certain coaches is completely warranted as I have seen myself the way these "prima donna" behave at games.

Obviously J Petrow has never been to Parklea. My son played there during the Mini-Ampol Cup, when temperatures were an average 35c every weekend and there was not much shelter around.

The swimming pool was in such a bad state that it was not even suitable for animals to swim in, let alone boys.

It's about time someone like Mr Raciti spoke his mind on the faults on Junior Soccer.

Sure, we have junior players in this country as good as anywhere in the world, but only a small minority are going through to senior football.

At least Mr Raciti in trying to bring to the attention of the public, coaches and administrators what is wrong in Junior Soccer.

I hope Mr Raciti keeps up the good work and that people involved take note at his words of wisdom.

Janice Holmes,
Dundas

MY VIEW

HAVING witnessed the Soccerroos' politically motivated downfall to Scotland last year, I wish to throw my 20 cents worth concerning Australia's and NZ's Oceania qualifying games.

Three options should be offered to FIFA:

1) That it removes Israel from Oceania and places it into a CANCA-CAF group, or a Sth American group. If Israel is put in CANCA-CAF it's not likely they'll qualify especially against Mexico, Honduras or Canada and if placed in Sth America it's duration will be even shorter.

That will leave Australia, NZ or Taiwan to play off in a final Middle Eastern group.

2) Rather than trying for admission in the Asian Confederation, the ASF and the NZ FA should try to get admitted to CANCA-CAF where the opposition are of similar standard.

With the exception of Mexico, and maybe Honduras, none of these nations are of the calibre of Scotland, and if ever the Soccerroos were to come up against the Americans commercial TV networks would want the rights to such a world cup encounter.

3) If FIFA persists in dumping Israel in Oceania and insisting on the group's winner to play Scotland, Argentina or Italy then Australia and NZ should ask for massive financial aid from FIFA in order to establish a full time professional super league.

P. Laustra,
Brisbane.

NO "BUCK" PASSING

CAN you imagine how much more interesting Soccer would be to watch if a player is not allowed to pass back to any of his team-mates including his goalkeeper in his own half of the field?

A free kick against his team should be given if he does pass back, except in his own penalty area, then a corner kick should be given against his team. Think about it.

A. Micalie
PS: Heading back should still be permitted.

IGNORANCE

THE article on page 14 of ASW (May 27th) attributed to Tom McKain is unfortunately just another of the many written that display an attitude of contempt brought about by an ignorance of the code north of the Tweed River.

To suggest "While the Brisbane pair maybe regarded as no great loss and travelling and money will be saved, we will not have a truly National competition" is a step in the right direction, Tom McKain has surely made that comment without a full understanding of Soccer in Queensland.

With just on 27,000 registered Junior players and 9,200 Seniors, Soccer is the largest participant code in a State that also supports and promotes Rugby League, Rugby Union and Australian Rules.

Employed on a full-time basis by the Queensland Soccer Federation are six Regional Directors of Coaching plus our State Director of Coaching, Bruce Stowell.

Jim Foley (Cairns), Brian Jeffs (Townsville), Peter Kelly (Mackay), Richard Evans (Rockhampton), Alan Niven (Bundaberg) and Jim Selby (Gold Coast) form a network of qualified coaches working toward a better standard of coaching and playing.

A quick check on the performances of Queensland Junior and Youth Representative teams over the past five years will clearly indicate why it is necessary for Queensland to be represented in any

National League competition.

Every player must have a goal and most will look to wear the Green and Gold. Access to a National team is through the State and National Leagues. That access must be maintained for Soccer to continue to progress in this State.

Unlike Tom McKain, we have always argued that States such as South Australia and Queensland must have representation in a National competition.

To suggest the third largest State in Australia not be represented, borders on being ludicrous.

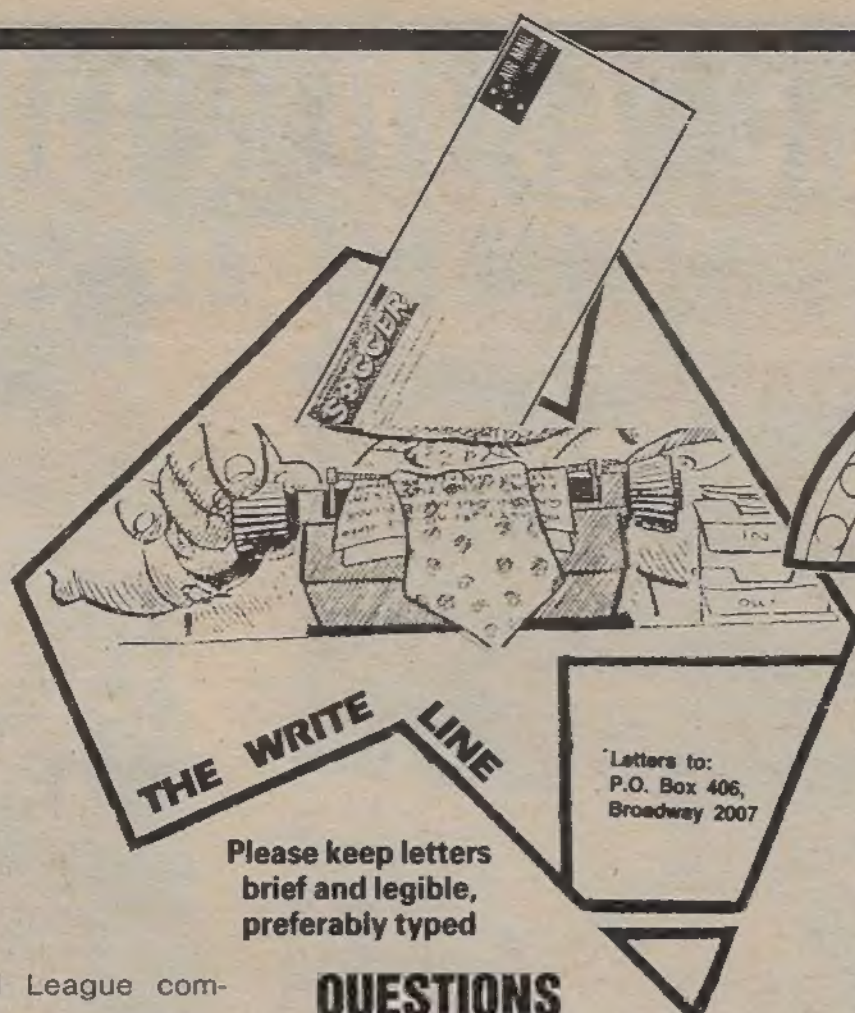
Also, unlike Tom McKain's parochial inference, we do not purport to be any better than any other State and must therefore be given preference. However, we do argue strongly that we are an active and forceful member of the Australian Soccer Federation.



STEVE ARCHIBALD of Scotland—playing them was unfair.

tion and should be given credit rather than scorn for our contribution to the development of Soccer in Australia. If part of that recognition or credit is representation in a National competition — than so be it.

Alan J. Vessey,
Secretary,
Old Soccer Federation



QUESTIONS ASKED

TWO recent items appeared in CHIT-CHAT in ASW of 27.5.86. If my memory serves me right, at least every issue of ASW (especially CHIT-CHAT) has contained similar stories about Canberra City.

Two points arise:
(1) As a supporter of Canberra City, and not being in the "know" as your reporters are, these stories do nothing to help Canberra City's image, nor do they inform the readers of what is really going-on.

(2) This type of journalism is surely more suited to movie Star Gossip magazines or pop music magazines.

Are they actual stories, or inventions of the reporter's mind?

I have always enjoyed ASW and consider it to be the best Australian Soccer paper,

but in my opinion, articles such as these lower the standard.

K. Saisell,
Charnwood, ACT

GIVE HIM A CHANCE

I AM writing to you for some information. I have a young brother, 19, and he plays first grade for Campbelltown Gunners in State League 3rd division.

He has lots of talent, and I would like him to try and make it in a better standard.

He played in the same junior teams as Martin Driene from Marconi.

All he needs is some pushing and if someone from a big club watched him play and offered him a trial he would jump at the chance.

He is a midfielder, with lots of ball skills and can read a game very well and has a



SOUTH KOREAN action in the Cup finals, we should play them.

good shot.

Maybe there are a couple of clubs who would be interested in having a look at him, not necessary National League.

He does not know I am trying to get clubs to watch him.

If any club is interested they could contact this number (02 608 2073).

Stuart Odgers,
Claymore.

THANKS FOR THE CLEANLINESS!

SOMETIME ago I wrote to your column regarding rough play in Australian Soccer and how I couldn't be bothered going to see it, while this sort of play was going on.

At the time I blamed Eddie Thomson for introducing this dirty play to the game, and in yesterday's Daily Telegraph dated 9th June 1986, in the sporting section I read an article by John Taylor where Eddie Thomson was quoted as saying it was "partly his fault". He

stated he had received so many cautions that he had told his players to cool it.

I would therefore like to thank the Australian Soccer Federation and the Referees Association for stopping this dirty play. I can now go back and watch and enjoy Soccer as a game of skill not a wrestling match.

The coaches must realise that the paying spectator helps to make this game. As in any game of sport the crowd is very important.

Now that we are starting to clean up our game here, we may be able to play great Soccer such as countries like South Korea, Algeria, Morocco who only a few years ago were undeveloped, but today are playing very entertaining and skillful Soccer.

May I wish all Soccer players coming along very best wishes and hope they will learn skill, and many like myself will be there at the field to cheer you on.

M. Dragosetti
Blacktown

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Alaine Giresse (France) gets in before Hungary's Dalka Laszlo.



Leading scorer Preben Elkjaer scores for Denmark against Scotland.



Kalman Kovacs (Hungary) is on his knees after this tackle by France's Manuel Amoros.



France's Yannick Stopyra celebrates after scoring in the 3-0 win against Hungary.

WHO, WHEN, WHERE

Second Round Quarter finals Semi finals FINAL

JUNE 16 Puebla	June 22 Azteca	June 25 Azteca
ARGENTINA (A1) versus URUGUAY JUNE 18 Azteca	versus	
PARAGUAY (B2) versus ENGLAND (F2)		
JUNE 15 Leon	June 22 Puebla	June 29 Azteca
USSR (C1) 3 versus BELGIUM (3rd) 4 June 18 Queretaro	BELGIUM	
SPAIN (D2) versus DENMARK		
JUNE 16 Jalisco	June 21 Guadalajara	June 25 Jalisco, Guadalajara
BRAZIL (D1) versus POLAND (3rd) JUNE 17 Olimpico	versus	THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF
ITALY (A2) versus FRANCE (C2) JUNE 17 Monterrey	June 21 Monterrey	June 28 Puebla
MOROCCO (F1) versus W.GERMANY		
JUNE 15 Azteca	versus	
MEXICO (B1) 2 versus BULGARIA (3rd) 0	MEXICO	

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AIS	10	8	1	1	48	6	17
Canberra	11	7	2	2	31	17	16
Sydney City	10	7	1	2	29	11	15
St George	11	6	3	2	31	16	15
Blacktown	11	6	3	2	24	20	15
Leichhardt	11	5	2	4	27	16	12
Marconi	10	6	—	4	22	16	22
Sydney Olympic	10	4	2	4	16	17	10
Wollongong	10	3	1	6	14	28	7
Canterbury	11	2	2	7	7	31	6
Newcastle	11	2	1	8	12	28	5
Croatia	11	1	2	8	12	32	4
Inter-Monaro	11	2	—	9	9	44	4

Round 10 Saturday 14th June

NEWCASTLE 4 (McGuinness 6, 13 Caisley 44, Gascoine 66) MONARO 2 (Chicco 61, Kanarides 87).

WOLLONGONG CITY 0 AIS 6 (Foster P. 1, Cummings 10, Trimboli 12, 40, 51, Foster C. 89).

Sunday 15th June

SYDNEY CITY 1 (Pontidas 72) ST GEORGE 3 (Aranyi 16, 40, McKie 21).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 MARCONI 2 (Lingotti 70, Tooma 89).

LEICHHARDT 0 BLACKTOWN 1 (Ellem 50).

CROATIA 2 (Pratt 67, Kero 75) CANTERBURY 2 (Arambasic 62, 69 pen).

CANBERRA 4 (Lemezzina 17, Appleby 42, Fernandez 46, 48) WOLLONGONG 1 (Canvin 10).

OAK TURNER CUP

THE third round game between Fairfield Patrician Brothers and Westfield High School, proved to be a match worthy of a final.

With both sides playing an open brand of football, the match followed from one end of the field to the other. Westfield were first to open the scoring by Stephen Frxetis, midway through the first half.

Patrician Brothers replied through Martin Manicaro before half-time — leaving the score at 1-1 at the interval.

The second half started just as fast, with Westfield getting the upper hand with two goals — one from a corner by Adam Leatherbarrow and one from a free kick by Stephen Frxetis to take the score to 3-1 with approximately 15 minutes remaining.

Then the Patrician Brothers' courage and determination showed through as they fought

THE A.W.S.A. is planning to send a Youth team across to New Zealand some time early next year.

The ACTWSA has commenced this year a competition that facilitates players in the Under 17s bracket.

The Queensland Association also has made provision for such a Youth side in their competition with the future in mind.

Young, fresh material has to be encouraged in every possible way so that Australia can develop early internationals.

back — first through a penalty by Paul Okon, and then a fine header by Martin Manicaro, to take the score to 3-3 for the final five minutes.

In a finale, as tight and thrilling as the match, Fairfield emerged the winners 6-5 on penalties.

OAK TURNER CUP

Sydney Metropolitan

Leg Round 3

DIVISION 2

Holy Cross 3 Epping 0, Marsden 3 Crestwood 0, St Pats-Dundas 5 Model Farms 2.

DIVISION 3

Rooty Hill 0 (4 pen) Holy Family 0 (2 pen).

DIVISION 4

Condell Park 5 Casula 0.

DIVISION 5

Canterbury Boys' 0 (4 pen) Kingsgrove North 0 (3 pen), Janali 1 (5 pen) Kirrawee 1 (3 pen), Sylvan 1 Port Hacking 0.

DIVISION 6

Strathfield South 0 (5 pen) Christian Bros Lewisham 0 (4 pen), J.J. Cahill 1 Sydney Tech 0.

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SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Sth Melbourne	10	7	2	1	26	9	16
Melb Croatia	10	6	2	2	23	9	14
Heidelberg	10	6	2	2	26	17	14
Brighton	10	5	1	4	24	13	11
Nunawading City	10	4	3	3	16	21	11
Brunswick Juve	10	4	1	5	15	12	9
Footscray	10	4	—	6	19	17	8
Preston	10	1	6	3	12	11	8
Green Gully	10	2	3	5	9	13	7
Frankston Pines	10	2	1	7	14	30	5
Fawkner	10	—	—	10	3	57	0

Round 10 Saturday 14th June

FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Dubois) MELB CROATIA 2 (Ljubic (2)).

Sunday 15th June

HEIDELBERG 5 (Deligiannis 2, 33, 80, Iliopoulos 12, Thodis 63) FOOTSCRAY 1.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 6 (Martinucci (3), Cilirco (2), Deimicis) FAWKNER 0.

GREEN GULLY 0 NUNAWADING 1 (Calasioria).

BRIGHTON 1 STH MELBOURNE 4.

PRESTON 1 (Van Egmond 61) SUNSHINE GC 2 (Mitten).

SUSPENSIONS AND FOULS

IF there was any doubt as to whether the referees were carrying out their duties at the Mexico World Cup, the list released by FIFA of cautions and suspensions should satisfy most of the purists.

So far, a total of 13 players have been suspended after three games — some who have been sent off and others after receiving two yellow cards.

And an impressive total of 62 players in the same number of matches have received one yellow card.

The FIFA disciplinary committee gave two-match suspensions to Ray Wilkins of England and Hanna Basil of Iraq, with a one match loss to Mike Sweeney of Canada, Niguel Bossio, Uruguay, Jos Batista, Uruguay and Frank Arnesen of Denmark.

The match suspensions for two yellow cards went to Giuseppe Bergomi (Italy), Hugo Sanchez (Mexico), Waldimiro Schettina (Paraguay), Samir Mahmoud (Iraq), Haris Hasan (Iraq), Terry Fenwick (England), Victor Diogo (Uruguay).

Brazil and Hungary are the only two nations to have escaped action by the referees in any of their games.

Canada has not had any action taken against

it apart from the dismissal of Sweeney.

Iraq tops the nations with five yellow cards from three games and three players suspended.

Four yellow cards have gone to South Korea, Belgium, Northern Ireland, Uruguay and France, three to Italy, Bulgaria, Morocco, Mexico, Algeria, Argentina, Paraguay and Scotland, two to England, Portugal, Denmark, Russia, Poland and West Germany and one card to Spain.



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Thursday, June 17, 3.45am

BRAZIL v POLAND

7.45am

ARGNTA v URUGUAY

STAGE TWO DAILY LIVE COVERAGE

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ITALY v FRANCE

7.45am **WEST**

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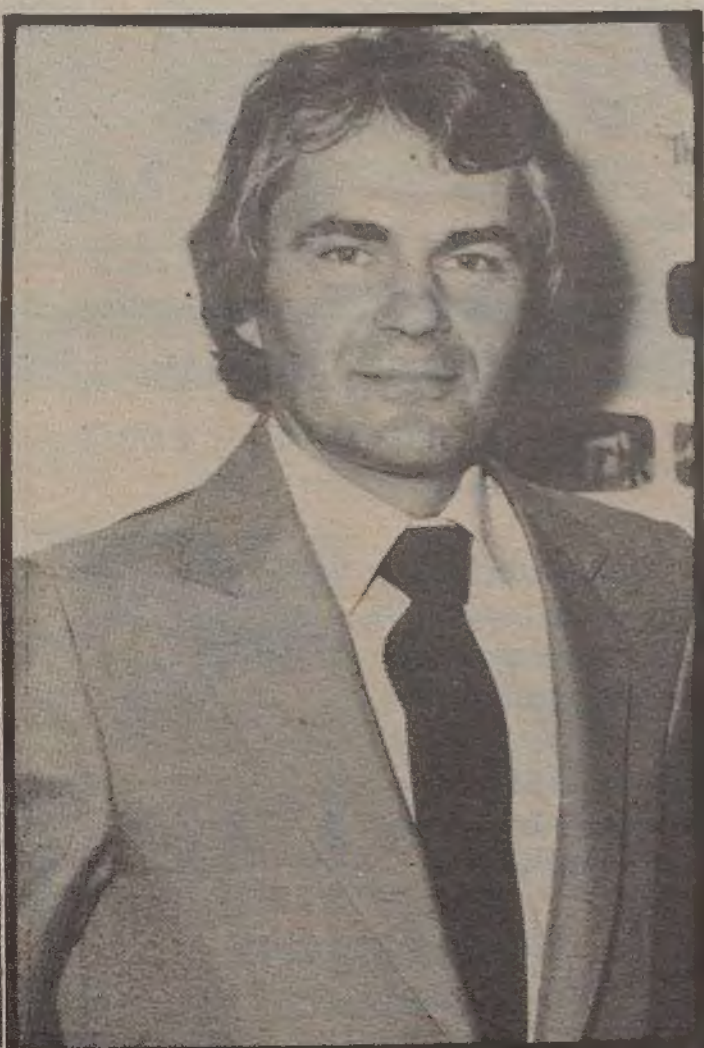
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